

# Legacy Laboratory Services

## Legacy LabAlert

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An Important Update from Legacy Laboratory Services

Due to an unforeseen increase in workload and shortage of staff in the Legacy Cytogenetics Department, **analysis and reporting of cytogenetic and FISH results are delayed**. All specimens are processed in a timely and regular fashion to avoid compromising the specimens' quality. However, the analysis component and final reporting are delayed. Please note that every effort is being made by the staff and the Scientific Director to triage the specimens based on clinical urgency, especially for prenatal and acute oncology specimens. For chronic conditions and non-urgent clinical indications, please expect delays.

Our reference laboratories (ARUP and the Mayo Clinic) are experiencing the same issues: heavier than usual workload and short staffing and are unable to help with our overflow case volume. In addition, there has been a lot of discussions in the cytogenetics community regarding a current nationwide shortage of qualified cytogenetic technologist. The reason for this shortage remains unclear but is the topic of discussion for many cytogenetics training institutions.

The Legacy Cytogenetics and Human Resources Department is working diligently on recruiting additional qualified cytogenetic technologists. However, as mentioned above, this process is also delayed due to the low number of qualified applicants.

For any questions, please feel free to contact the Cytogenetics Department at (503) 413-4613.

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