

Laboratory Testing Update

Effective Date: September 27, 2022

RE: Body Fluid WBC reporting name change

All laboratories associated with Preferred Lab Partners and St. Elizabeth Healthcare perform Body Fluid Cell Counts and Differentials. The naming of the WBC count is being changed to reflect the cell types reported more accurately. The result reported includes not only WBCs, but also other nucleated cells such as lining cells. To reflect this, the name in Epic reporting will change from WBC to Total Nucleated Cells for all body fluid cell counts. The differential reported reflects Total Nucleated Cells.

It is important to note that nothing is changing in the technology or methodology, only in the accuracy of the naming of this parameter.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jenny Friedl, Hematology Supervisor, at 859-301-6037.