

Laboratory Testing Update

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To: All Providers who order diagnostic studies on CSF

From: Jeremy Hart, MD, MBA, Medical Director of Clinical Laboratories

Re: CSF Cell Count

To improve efficiency of laboratory services at all facilities across the system, the following changes approved by the Medical Informatics Committee will be made to test services effective Tuesday, September 19th. Existing Epic order sets/panels will be updated.

1. CSF Cell Count will automatically reflex a cell count to be performed on an additional tube when there is evidence of peripheral blood contamination on the last tube. This will be defined as abnormal RBC (greater than 10).
2. Cell Count addt'l tube Cerebrospinal Fluid (LAB212) will not be orderable outside the laboratory.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact Dr. Jeremy Hart (Jeremy.hart@stelizabeth.com) or via PerfectServe).