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Martha Jefferson Hospital Laboratory Services

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Important Phone Numbers

Need lab results from the **Clinical Lab** call 982-7170 or fax 982-7164.

Need lab results from the **Anatomic Pathology Lab** 982-7955 or fax 982-7944.

AP Client Services Representative, **Noel Jorgensen**, at 244-5525

Outreach Department at 982-7183

Quarterly Newsletter on MJH website

This newsletter is from the Laboratory and will be distributed on a quarterly basis. It contains important information and news briefs concerning laboratory services. In addition to normal distribution, each issue will be posted at www.marthajefferson.org/healthcare/laboratory. Go to www.marthajefferson.org on the Healthcare Professionals menu and select Laboratory Medicine.

CareEvolve

Electronically Linking to the Lab

CareEvolve (www.careevolve.com) is a seamless link between patient lab test results and clinical care. Martha Jefferson Hospital has contracted with CareEvolve to help connect our lab with referring physician offices.

Many offices are adopting, researching, and contracting to obtain EMRs. Martha Jefferson Hospital has invested substantial resources into making that transition easy for our clients. CareEvolve is a crucial part of this connection but must be interfaced with each EMR. In order to build the interface, there must be communication between contacts at CareEvolve, the physician office, and the EMR company. If your office is implementing an EMR, please notify us so we can be prepared to service your needs to the best of our abilities.

New Combination Collection Device for SurePath Paps

BD TriPath now offers a new combination collection device developed in response to the need for better endocervical sampling and preference for single collection device convenience. The new "Rovers Cervex-Brush Combi" utilizes broom-type sampling with a central firm endocervical brush. Practitioners who are interested should call the Cytology lab for more information and/or to request samples.

Charlottesville Pathology Participating with UnitedHealthcare

Charlottesville Pathology Associates (CPA) announces their participation with UnitedHealthcare as a network provider of anatomic pathology and cytopathology services effective September 1, 2007. UnitedHealthcare's announcement regarding a national agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America does not affect CPA's participation status with UnitedHealthcare.

In response to inquiries from referring physician practices nationwide, UnitedHealthcare stated "In the overwhelming majority of the country, UnitedHealthcare's laboratory network will continue to include a combination of other regional and local laboratory service providers." Since Charlottesville Pathology is currently an "in-network" UnitedHealthcare provider, they are pleased to accept specimens from UnitedHealthcare insured patients.

Double-check specimen containers and paperwork to make sure they have the correct information before sending them to the laboratory.

Patient Safety Reminder

Daryn Norton, Laboratory Outreach Coordinator, checking paperwork and specimen labeling.



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Note: Expiration Dates on SurePath Vials

Physician offices who submit SurePath Pap specimens are advised to monitor the expiration date of vials they have in stock. When requesting additional vials from MJH Cytology, please store new supply behind older vials to prevent stock from expiring before use. Generally vials will be useable for several years from the time they are issued by the MJH Cytology lab, but specimens submitted in expired vials may be compromised and will be rejected by the lab. Thank you for your efforts in providing the best patient care, specimen submission, and lab results.

Electronic Produced Requisitions for Paps and Reminders

Please remember the following notes when producing electronic requisitions to order your Paps. The observance of these guidelines will help to ensure the best service to you and to the patient.

- ◆ Paps (Surepath) CAN'T be ordered in combination with clinical lab work. Please place a separate order for the SurePath test and place the SurePath specimen in a bag by itself with its own order sheet.
- ◆ As on our paper requisitions, please choose "Conventional Pap slide" or "SurePath Pap".
- ◆ When adjunct orders on Paps (regardless HPV, reflex HPV, CTNG, HSV) are put in the "Additional Instructions" section at the bottom of the electronic order form, the text is smaller. Please highlight it to alert us of this adjunct order.

General Reminders for Paps

- ◆ Remember that HPV, HSV, & CTNG can be ordered on SurePath specimens. If you use electronic requisitions for ordering, there are no longer check boxes to act as a reminder and adjunct testing details are sometimes forgotten.
- ◆ Adjunct tests can be ordered alone, if appropriate (without Pap) on SurePath specimens only.



A Successful Prostate-specific Antigen (PSA) Screening Day

Martha Jefferson Laboratory Services took part in a PSA screening day on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at MJH. Many of the Phlebotomists, Laboratory Technologists, and Management offered their time and expertise to this event. As a result, 428 men in the community had their blood drawn and a PSA test completed on their blood specimen. This event is open to the public at no charge and takes place annually on the 3rd Saturday in September.

The next Nanogram newsletter will be Winter 2008 distributed on January 8, 2008.