

THE NANOGRAM

Martha Jefferson Hospital Laboratory

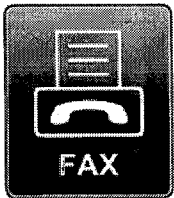


Important Phone Numbers

Clinical Lab
654-7170 or
fax 654-7164

**Anatomic Pathology
Lab**
654-7955 or
fax 654-7944

**AP Client Services
Representative,
Noel Jorgensen**
654-5525



Important FAX Number For OCC Advance Orders

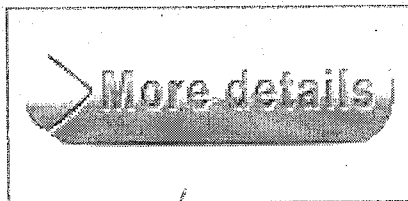
Any offices that fax
in advance
laboratory orders
prior to the arrival
of their patients to
the Outpatient Care
Center Collection
Area, please use
the fax number
below.

434-654-8585

Quarterly Newsletter on 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.cvillepathology.net under the News Brief section.

Detailed & Completed Requisitions



The
laboratory
would like
to remind
medical
offices,
hospital

employees, and physicians that being detailed and specific (no abbreviations) when ordering tests will facilitate an easy, accurate lab order.

In addition, please take care to fill out the requisition completely with patient demographics and confirm for the tests requested appropriate diagnosis codes are included. This is an effort to optimize the turnaround time for our services, enhance patient care, and to comply with regulatory standards.

Histology: Slides for Review from Outside Institutions

Martha Jefferson Histology Services receives a constant flow of slides from other institutions.

It is important that Histology gets proper documentation prior to the slides arriving so that the case can be handling efficiently and properly. If you have questions, feel free to call Histology at 654-7188.

Please note the key points below about slides coming to MJH from an outside facility.

1. The office must request the slides to be sent to MJH Anatomic Pathology (AP) Dept.
2. A Surgical Path request with billing info should be sent to AP lab PRIOR to slide arrival.
3. Please fax to 434-654-7776.
4. All reviewed slides are held for one month after case has been signed out by our pathologists.

ABN REQUIREMENTS: Pap Testing & Medicare Coverage

Medicare covers one routine/screening Pap test and pelvic exam every 24 months*. Specimens for screening Pap and/or HPV which may not be covered by Medicare should be submitted with a complete (see below) and signed ABN form to avoid delay in processing.

Some offices choose to order Reflex HPV with Screening Pap tests on Medicare patients (HPV will only be run if Pap result is Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance, ASC-US). In this scenario, the HPV is diagnostic (for which a diagnostic ICD9 code covered by Medicare is then added).

[* Medicare will cover Pap tests and pelvic exams more frequently if diagnostic (submitted with associated Medicare-covered ICD9 code), including for child-bearing age women, women with an abnormal pap in the previous 36 months, and/or if the doctor determines that patient is at high risk for cervical or vaginal cancer.]

MJH Cytology Working Collaboratively in the Blue Ridge



As part of the Sentara Hospital System, MJH continues to support other hospitals in the system and continues to recognize the significance of teamwork in the Blue Ridge Region. MJH Cytology Services provided Cytotechnology coverage to Rockingham Memorial Hospital when they were in need this year. MJH Cytotechs travelled to Rockingham Memorial Hospital during two weeks in order to ensure there was no interruption in cytology services at RHM and to allow staff time off. Thanks for your efforts MJH Cytology Services!

Congratulations to Greg McAdam, MT (ASCP) for accepting his new position at Martha Jefferson Clinical Laboratory for Section Leader of Serology/Coagulation/Urinalysis.

**New Serology/Coagulation/
Urinalysis Section Leader**

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Lab Leaders

Jeff Willy, MBA, MT (ASCP)
Director, Lab Services

Carolyn Dotson, MT (ASCP)
Lab Operations Manager

Thea Alterman, MT (ASCP)
QC/QA Manager

Bette Webber, MT (ASCP)
Lab Administrative Manager

Sarah Harris, MSHS, MLT (ASCP)
Clinical Core Lab Manager

Pathologists

R. Hunt MacMillan III, MD
Director of Chemistry and Microbiology

Thomas Dudley, MD
Director of Histology and Blood Bank

Laura Spinelli, MD
Medical Director, Lab Director of Cytology, Hematology, Serology, Coagulation, and Urinalysis



Chemistry: Weekend Testing Menu

A memo was distributed to the medical staff at MJH in July that discussed the weekend test menu for Chemistry. Effective July 2014, MJH Chemistry is switching to a weekend test menu for Saturday and Sunday. The following tests will **NOT** be available during those days; however, results will be available the following Monday.

Not Available On Weekends

ASLO, C3, C4, IGA, IGG, IGM, CRPhs, PREALBUMIN, RF, HOMOCYSTEINE, KAPPA, LAMBDA, HAVT, HAVIGM, HBSAG, HBAB, HBCIGM, HEPC, AFP, CA125, CA15-3, CA19-9, CEA, PSA, FREE PSA, FT3, T3, ATG, ATPO, B12, FOLATE, CPEP, DHES, E2, IGE, INS, LH, PROL, PBNP, PROG, PTH, RUBIGG, SHBG, TEST, VITD, CMVG, CMVM, TXPG, TXPM, MUMPG, LYMS, VZG, HPYLORI



Any questions or comments may be directed to the laboratory at 654-7170.

REMINDERS: Laboratory Services and Insurance Requirements

As insurance plans continue to expand to our area and the nature of the insurance industry continues to change, in the laboratory we are seeing some plans come through that have designated, preferred laboratories in which specimens should be directed.

Although patients ultimately have the choice to send their specimens to any laboratory, they may see differences in insurance coverage depending on their plan and what laboratory they use. Here are some plans that we have noted that direct specimens to certain labs.



NOTE:
We would like to receive copies of the insurance cards and Lab Cards when the specimens are submitted.

United Healthcare

- **UHC Optimum Choice Preferred**
- **UHC MDIPA**

These members should have cards that have a LAB section and the proper laboratory to send specimens listed in that section.

- **UHC GEHA plans**

These members should have an insurance card (on the back should say LAB Card). The members should have a separate Lab Card that designates the lab they should use.

Anthem

- **Anthem Healthkeepers**

Labs must go to Labcorp.

The next Nanogram newsletter will be Winter 2014 distributed in January 2015.