



## News You Can Use December, 2024

### HPV Reporting Changes

Beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, HPV results associated with PAP testing (co-testing and reflexed) will also be reported separately. The combined Cytology PAP-HPV reports currently being distributed will continue and will include the HPV result within the PAP report. For those ordering PAP-HPV through UR Medicine's Epic system, eRecord, you will not receive an additional In-Basket message but you will be able to access results separately through the result review fields within the Epic system. For clients who receive hardcopy reports or electronically through the RRRHIO, there will now be an additional HPV-only report when ordered in conjunction with PAP testing. These changes are being made to comply with new requirements for the monitoring of HPV testing. The method for reporting HPV-only test requests (without Cytology) will not change.

### Cytology Service Interruption

We are currently experiencing a shortage in staff. A cytopathologist will not be available for onsite assessments. Depending on staff availability, this may change on some weeks. A cytotechnologist is always available and can provide an adequacy assessment as well as triage of materials. When staffing of cytopathologists improves, services will resume as normal.

### UR Medicine Labs Patient Service Center Holiday Hours

UR Medicine Labs Patient Service Centers will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

We will provide **STAT On-Call** phlebotomy services on December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30AM-3:30PM. These services are for **EMERGENT** use only. Ordering physicians need to call UR Medicine Labs Client Services: (585) 758-0510 option 3 to arrange STAT services. Patients will be scheduled for appointments within 1 hour of calls, and services will be provided at the patient service center at 2400 S. Clinton Ave, Bldg. H, Suite 140

### Labeling Requirements for Specimens & Requisitions

In the coming months there will be an important change to the acceptability of samples received with discrepant or missing information. Once instituted, each sample not in compliance with our labeling policy will be subject to a **higher level of rejection and recollection**. Please use this time in the coming weeks to better understand your section processes and to plan for any improvements that would mitigate these missed testing opportunities.

All samples received in the laboratory must have full first and last name of the patient, secondary identifier (DOB or MRN), collection date, collection time and collector's initials. Electronic documentation in UR Medicine's eRecord or interfaced systems meets this qualification, all others must record the information on the specimen label. Link: [Labeling Requirements](#)

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