



Monthly Update



October
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Handling and Transport of Bone Marrow and Oncology Blood

In order to potentially increase the growth of bone marrow and oncology blood specimens for chromosome and FISH analysis, the Cytogenetics Department is recommending storing these specimens at room temperature prior to transport to our laboratory, in addition to transporting them at room temperature. Ambient specimens are preferred, but refrigerated specimens will be accepted.

Please Educate Patients on Labeling IFOB Kits

IFOB kits are often received in the laboratory with inadequate labeling, resulting in rejection. When distributing kits to patients, please label the specimen container with the patient's full first and last name and date of birth, preferably with the patient in the office. Offices can print the ADT label that has all this information on it, including the visit date from the appointment.

In order to prevent a specimen from being rejected, the label **MUST** be on the specimen container, not loose in the box or on the box itself. **DO NOT** use the Epic Beaker labels to label the specimen container; printing the Beaker label at the office causes billing problems and extensive rework upon receipt. When ordering an IFOB, the office must order it as a future "Non-Clinic Collect" order with an expiration date. IFOB kits are costly and patients need proper instruction to prevent a specimen from being rejected. Please ensure that you provide proper education to the patient.

Test Updates and Changes

Effective 9/13/18, OSF turned off the obsolete Mayo test HUA.

On 10/5/18, OSF turned off test SEOS, Eosinophil Smear, Nasal, SEOS, (LAB1304).

Labeling Stool and Urine Cups

Please ensure the specimen label for stool and urine cups is on the body of the cup, not on the lid. With the amount of specimens being processed, lids are not a safe way to label the specimen as they are removed from the original specimen collection container. We ask your cooperation in following proper labeling guidelines.



Mayo Transport Media Requirements

Effective April 1st, Mayo no longer accepted T484-M5 viral transport media (green top). Only T605-M4-RT media (red top) are accepted. Please check your supply of viral media transport kits and ensure that all M5 media (green top) is discarded. We will no longer be supplying the M5 green top media. T650-M4-RT may be stored ambient, but should be shipped refrigerated once specimen has been added.

Thyroid Screen to Go-Live Nov 6th

OSF will offer a new Thyroid Screening test starting Nov 6th. The test will have age related Ask-at-Order-Entry questions and will automatically order based on the patient's age (greater than or less than 13). If the patient is under 13, a TSH will be automatically ordered. If the patient is over 13, a TSH screen will be performed with any abnormally high results automatically reflexing to a Free T4, and then the Anti-Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (Anti-TPO) if necessary. Abnormally low results will automatically reflex to the Free T4, and then the Total T3 if necessary.

Questions about your bill?

If you are an Outreach lab client and have a billing-related question, please follow the first step, which is to contact our Patient Accounts and Access Center billing department at **(309) 683-6750**. The PAAC billing agents will be happy to assist you with your inquiry.

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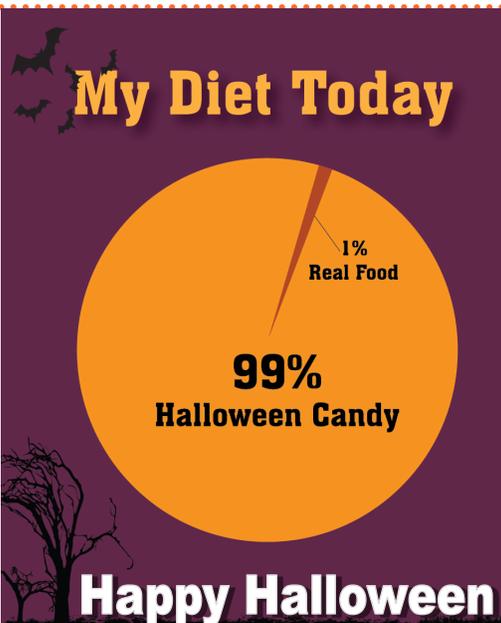
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Keep in mind...

"There are no traffic jams along the extra mile." -Roger Staubach