

THE NANOGRAM

Martha Jefferson Hospital Laboratory Services

Spring 2012



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**

**Reproductive
Technology
Laboratory**
654-8530

Addresses

Spring Creek at Zion Crossroads

29 Jefferson Court
Gordonsville, VA
22942

434-654-8918

29 North at Proffit Road

3263 Proffit Road
Charlottesville, VA
22911

434-654-4650

Optimum Choice

United Healthcare's
Optimum Choice plan
requires that
outpatient lab
services be
conducted by
Labcorp. This is
declared on ID Card.
Please notify your
staff to review cards
closely.

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.cvillepathology.net under the News Brief section.

Pap Testing, HPV Testing, and 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 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.]

Gynecologic Cytology ABN Form

Please take special care when completing the Gynecologic Cytology ABN for Medicare patients. An incomplete ABN will not allow the patient to be billed if Medicare denies the claim. The following has to be complete on the ABN Form:

- ◆ Patient Name
- ◆ Test s)
- ◆ Reason
- ◆ Cost(s)
- ◆ Option box checked with Lab Test
- ◆ Patient Signature
- ◆ Date

If you have any questions about Cytology ABN, please contact our Cytology Section Leader Ann Lersch via email at Ann.Lersch@mjh.org or telephone at 654-5903.

Tumor Board: Slides From Outside Location

If your physician has a case for Tumor Board in which slides were requested from an outside institution, please fax a completed requisition with patient demographics and insurance information to the pathology laboratory at 434-654-7776. In the note section, please write Tumor Board Case. If you have questions, call 434-654-7188.

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We are excited to announce that there are 2 additional laboratory draw stations available to your patients both with full time phlebotomists from **M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm.** And, the OCC continues to be open M-F 7:00am-5:00pm.

Requisition Reminder

In order to expedite the handling of specimens, please make sure that the correct requisition is used for the specimen that you are sending.

For Pathology questions on requisitions, call 434-654-7188.

For Clinical Lab questions on requisitions, call 434-654-7170

**Joint
Commission**

Early in 2012, The Joint Commission conducted their required JC Extension Survey at Martha Jefferson Lab due to the move in 2011. We are proud to report that we passed with no exceptions and lots of positive feedback. The survey mostly looked at safety issues.

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Lab Leaders

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Director, Lab Services

Jeff Willy, MT (ASCP)
Director, Anatomic Pathology, IVF Laboratory, and Special Projects

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)
Client Services Manager

Pathologists

R. Hunt MacMillan III, MD
Medical Director, Lab

Thomas Dudley, MD
Director of Histology and Blood Bank

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

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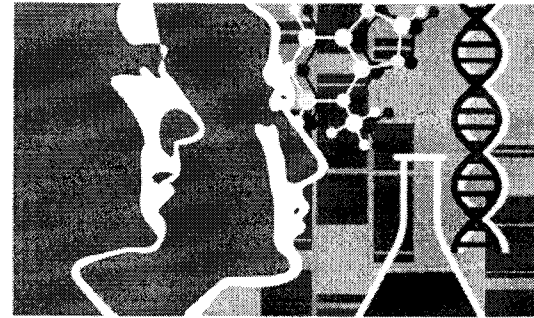
Ted Thomas, PHD
Scientific Director

Annual Celebration For Laboratory Professionals

The last week of April is designated as Lab Week and was created in order to celebrate the professionals that make up the practice of Laboratory Medicine. It is a chance to let people know about our dedication and commitment to laboratory medicine and to quality patient care.

According to the ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathology, www.ascp.org), there are 300,000 medical laboratory professionals around the country who perform and interpret more than 10 billion

laboratory tests in the United States each year. Most of the work is behind the scenes but this critical testing is crucial to patient care. At Martha Jefferson Laboratory Services, we spend the week honoring outstanding technologists, celebrating with our colleagues, and educating the medical community and public on laboratory science. Please take a chance to explore the websites for Martha Jefferson Laboratory Medicine and Charlottesville Pathology Associates to learn more about this area of medicine.



LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS
GET RESULTS

NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK APRIL 22-28, 2012

WEBSITES

Martha Jefferson Laboratory Services:
www.marthajefferson.org/clinical-services-laboratory-services.php
Charlottesville Pathology Associates:
www.cvillepathology.net

Microbiology Corner

Microbiology Label Requirements

1. **Name:** Patient's full first and last name, no initials please. Include date of birth.
2. **Date:** Date of the specimen collection.
3. **Time:** Time of specimen collection required on specimen if multiple specimens submitted are time dependent.
4. **Source/Location:** Specimen source and site are a must. Location descriptors required if multiple specimens from the same source are collected (for example, right or left).

NOTE: Gram Stains on Cultures

When ordering cultures, please note that a Gram Stain is performed with the culture set-up. DO NOT order a Gram Stain separately. EXCEPTIONS: Gram Stains are not performed on urine cultures, stool cultures, or genital cultures. With questions, call 654-7170.

Change In Microbiology Procedures

Several Micro procedures have been updated using the Eisenberg manual as a reference. Please be aware that there may be new comments attached to some culture results. Any questions, please call 654-7172 or 654-7173.