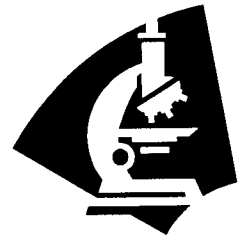


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Martha Jefferson Hospital Laboratory Services

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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

**Reproductive
Technology
Laboratory**
654-8530

Optimum Choice

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

Copies of Insurance Cards

Due to all the variances and specific details of insurance plans, it is very helpful to send a front and back copy of the insurance cards with the laboratory requisition.

Legal Names

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.

Urine Culture Changes

A change has been made in setting up urines for culture. Straight (in and out) catheter samples are now being set-up as special urines per Eisenberg guidelines. MJH Microbiology sets them up using a larger loop. The colony counts are as follows:

- ⇒ urnc (urine cultures)
 - ⇒ clean catch samples
 - ⇒ Foley catheter samples
- Set-up using 0.001
mls of urine

Colony counts are reported as:

- ◆ $< 10^4$: < 10,000
- ◆ 10^4 to 10^5 : 10,000 to 100,000
- ◆ $> 10^5$: >100,000 (highest colony count reported)

- ⇒ ursc (special urine cultures)
 - ⇒ nephrostomy
 - ⇒ cystostomy
 - ⇒ suprapubic
 - ⇒ Straight (in and out) catheter
- Set-up using 0.01
mls of urine

Colony counts are reported as:

- ◆ $< 10^3$: < 1,000
- ◆ 10^3 to 10^4 : 1,000 to 10,000
- ◆ $> 10^4$: >10,000 (highest colony count reported)

Healthwise TV Segment: Lab Specimens

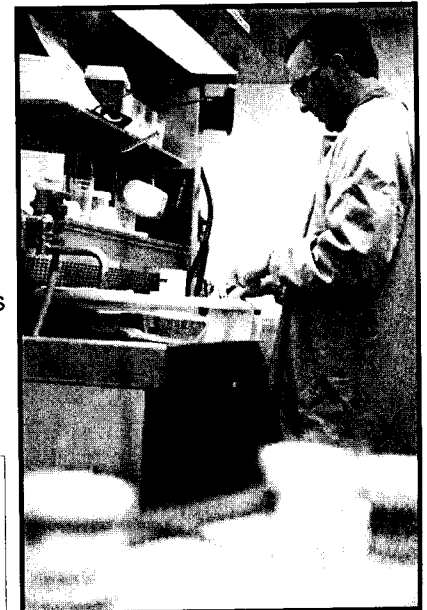
Dr. R. Hunt Macmillan, Medical Director of Martha Jefferson Laboratory Services, was interviewed for the Healthwise television segment on Channel 19 News. The topic was types of specimens that the Martha Jefferson Laboratory receives and how they might be processed. If you would like to view the video and article, please see the website link below.

Healthwise Website

[http://www.newsplex.com/community/healthwise/
headlines/Healthwise Specimen Labs 148945205.html](http://www.newsplex.com/community/healthwise/headlines/Healthwise_Specimen_Labs_148945205.html)

New Laboratory Staff Position

Michelle Kershner, MT will be stepping into a new position for Martha Jefferson Laboratory Services. The new position is Laboratory Information Systems (IS) Specialist. After 16 years at MJH and working in the Clinical Laboratory, Michelle will be a great asset to our team as she transitions into her IS duties. Congratulations to her and we welcome her into the new role in the laboratory.

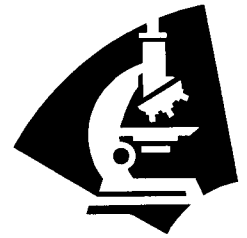


Dr. Hunt Macmillan grossing specimens in the Anatomic Pathology Laboratory.

Use your patient's legal first name and last name on all paperwork that is submitted to the laboratory. Also, if you are aware of a name change (due to marriage) please communicate that to the Laboratory. This will contribute to maintaining a complete and accurate patient record at MJH.

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Lab Leaders

Nancy Lewis, MT (ASCP)
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

Microbiology Specimen Policy

Here are some important notes concerning Microbiology specimens that can be sent to Martha Jefferson Laboratory Services.

- ◆ Prefer Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) or washing over a sputum
- ◆ Prefer a specimen to swab of specimen
- ◆ Prefer big swab to smaller swab
- ◆ Prefer dual swab to single swab
- ◆ Prefer more compared to less
- ◆ Prefer 10 cc blood in each blood culture bottle (Please do not overfill)

If you have any questions, please contact Microbiology at 654-7172 or 654-7173

Laboratory Orders Needed When Visiting Draw Stations

We are fortunate to offer laboratory drawing stations in Spring Creek at Zion Crossroads and 29 North at Proffit Road. Please be aware that if your patients are going to these locations, they should have a laboratory order in hand. If they do not, the patients will face extra wait times while the order is obtained from their healthcare providers.

Phlebotomists are full time in these locations, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Our main draw area is at the Outpatient Care Center and is open Monday through Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm. If you have any questions, call the Clinical Laboratory at 654-7170.

Laboratory Professionals Week Awards Menk Award Winner: Ann Lersch, CT Lab Person of the Year: April Attai, MLS

The Karl F. Menk Fund and Award were established by his family to honor his memory. Dr. Menk believed strongly that Health Care Professionals must exhibit sympathetic and skilled care of the sick. Dr. Menk, a Clinical and Anatomical Pathologist, was committed to the training and education of Medical Technologists. This year Ann Lersch, CT and Cytology Section Leader, was awarded the Menk Award and will be attending a continuing education course with the fund. Ann has been at Martha Jefferson Hospital for 15 years and her coworkers cited efficiency, strong work ethic, and dedication as some of the characteristics that make her a superb section leader and meticulous technologist.

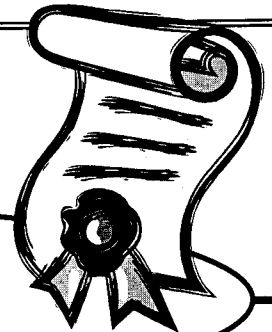
Laboratory Person of the Year is an award that is presented to a laboratory staff member that exhibits great teamwork and dedication. April Attai, MLS was voted and awarded this acknowledgement for 2012 from her colleagues. April holds a masters degree in synthetic organic chemistry and completed her MLS (ASCP) certification in 2010 at Augusta Health. She has been an active and reliable member of the clinical lab team since July of 2010.

Congratulations to both of these Laboratory Professionals!

Lab Personnel with 25 or more years of service

Thanks for your dedication and hard work.

- ◆ Yvonne Shaver, 42 yrs
- ◆ Nancy Lewis, 40 yrs
- ◆ Larry Eichelberger, 36 yrs
- ◆ Bette Webber, 33 yrs
- ◆ Sue Harper, 31 yrs
- ◆ Carolyn Dotson, 30 yrs
- ◆ Sue Sharon, 29 yrs
- ◆ Bonnie Hansen, 29 yrs
- ◆ Shirley Jenkins, 28 yrs
- ◆ Thea Alterman, 27 yrs
- ◆ Daryn Norton, 26 yrs
- ◆ Jeff Willy, 25 yrs
- ◆ Richard Pence, 25 yrs



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