

# YNHH Laboratory Manual

## Other Telephoned Results (Courtesy calls)

In addition to “Critical values”, laboratories may elect to telephone results out of “courtesy”, to alert clinicians regarding unusual or significant results. The following tables list all other results routinely called by the individual laboratories.

	Test	Call to physician, PA, or nurse	Call to physician only
<b>Blood Bank</b>			
1	Cord blood direct antiglobulin test (DAT)	Positives in newborns	
2	Fetal maternal screen		Positive for >30 mL
3	Prenatal antibody test		Newly identified antibodies
4	TTD* tests on stem cells		Positive results (reported to Transplant physician)
5	Transfusion reaction (severe, but non life threatening)		Workup results
6	Delayed transfusion reaction		Confirmed reactions
*TTD (transfusion transmitted disease) tests include hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV, HTLV, syphilis, WNV, Chagas' Disease			
<b>Chemistry: Non-drug Results</b>			
1	Lactic Acid, Adult	≥ 5.0 mmol/L (First time only)	Each occurrence
2	Lactic Acid, Pediatric	All results	First Time Only
3	Lead Pediatric <6 yrs old	≥5.0 ug/dl	Each occurrence
4	Lead Pediatric >6 yrs old	≥10.0 ug/dl	Each occurrence
5	Pyruvate, Pediatric	All results	Each occurrence
<b>Immunology</b>			
1	Cryoglobulins	Positive with a Cryocrit >10%	
2	Flow Cytometry		Abnormal studies as determined by attending pathologist
3	Fetal Hemoglobin - Flow Cytometry	>0.5%	
4	Immunofixation electrophoresis (IFE)		Abnormal studies as determined by attending pathologist
5	Molecular Pathology reports		Abnormal studies as determined by attending pathologist
6	Serum Viscosities	>4.0 cp at 23 sec	
7	VDRL	Positive Cord Bloods	
<b>Hematology</b>			
	None		

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<b>Microbiology</b>			
1	AFB Cultures	Positives	
2	Blood Cultures	Positives	
3	CSF Cultures	Positives	
4	Bordetella pertussis Culture or FA stain	Positives	
5	GC/Chlamydia	Positives (less than 14 years old only)	
6	E.coli Shiga Toxin Antigen*	Positives	
7	Stool cultures*	Positive Shigella, Salmonella, Campylobacter, Yersinia	
8	Stool Parasites	Positive Giardia antigen, Cryptosporidium antigen, Entamoeba histolytica, and other worms and ova	
* Call Food Net/CT State Health Dept			
<b>Virology</b>			
1	BKV polyomavirus PCR	Positive plasmas >10,000 copies/mL**	
2	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> rapid toxin or cytotoxin	Positive on outpatients	
3	CMV viral load, plasma*	New Positives >137 IU/ml or significant rise in titer (>0.5 log <sub>10</sub> )	
4	CMV, any sample	First positives in neonates	
5	Hepatitis A (HAV) IgM	Positives	
6	Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) or HBV PCR	Source patient results in identified occupational exposure called to OHS at YSC as requested; positives called to source patient's ward if OHS closed.	
7	Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)	New positive or indeterminate in an inpatient, called to ward nurse***	
8	Hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibody or PCR	Source patient results in identified occupational exposure called to OHS at YSC as requested; positives called to source patient's ward if OHS closed.	
9	Herpes simplex virus (HSV) culture or PCR	Positive if patient in Labor and Delivery or newborn unit.	

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10	HIV rapid Oraquick or CLIA	Source patient results in identified occupational exposure called to OHS at YSC as requested; positives called to source patient's ward if OHS closed. Pregnant patients' results called to patient care area.	
13	Varicella-zoster virus (VZV) PCR	Positives in Labor and Delivery, or newborn unit.	
14	Viral culture or PCR from the following samples: amniotic fluid, CSF, ocular fluid, BAL, biopsy tissue	Positives	
15	West Nile virus (WNV) IgM	Positives	
* Transplant coordinators, Nurses or Physician Associates or others may be designated to receive results in transplant, oncology, or other programs.			
** If urine is ordered instead of plasma, positives with Ct <20 (>10,000,000 copies/mL) will be called.			
*** Nurse should be informed; this information is critical if patient is on hemodialysis.			
Note: Results for tests performed for other hospitals can be called to the patient floor or to the referring laboratory.			
<b>Shoreline Medical Center (SMC)</b>			
1	Rapid Flu A, Flu B, or RSV test*	Any Positive (outpatients only)	
*Rapid Flu and RSV tests are done only at SMC			

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