SALEM HEALTH HOSPITALS AND CLINICS-LABORATORY SERVICES **CRITICAL LABORATORY RESULTS**



BLOOD BANK							
ANALYTE	AGE RANGE	CRITICAL VALUE	UNITS	FREQUENCY OF NOTIFICATION			
DAT- Direct Antiglobulin Test	Newborn	Positive		Initial Value*			
CHEMISTRY/THERAPEUTIC DRUGS							
ANALYTE	AGE RANGE	CRITICAL VALUE	UNITS	FREQUENCY OF NOTIFICATION			
Acetaminophen Bilirubin	Any age Less than 1 month	greater than 40 greater than or equal to 15	mcg/mL mg/dL	Initial Value* Initial Value*			
Blood Gases	Less than I month	greater than or equal to 13	mg/uL	Initial Value*			
pH Cord Blood (Arterial and Venous)	Newborn	Less than or equal to 7.0		Initial Value*			
Base Deficit Cord Blood (Arterial and Venous)	Newborn	Greater than or equal to 16.0		Initial Value*			
pH All Specimen Types, except Cord Blood	Any age	less than 7.2 greater than 7.6		Initial Value*			
pO2 (Arterial or Capillary)	Any age	less than 40	mm Hg	Initial Value*			
pCO2 (Arterial or Capillary) All Specimen Types, except Cord Blood	Any age	less than 20 greater than 70	mm Hg	Initial Value*			
HCO3 All Specimen Types, except Cord	Any age	less than 10 greater than 45	mEq/L	Initial Value*			
Calcium	Any age	less than 6	mg/dL	Initial Value*			
Calcium- Ionized	· -	greater than 14	mmol/L	Initial Value*			
Carcium- ionized Carbamazepine (Tegretol)	Any age Any age	less than 0.8 greater than 12	mmol/L mcg/mL	Initial Value*			
Creatine Kinase (CK)	Any age	greater than 10,000	U/L	Initial Value*			
Digoxin	Any age	greater than 3.0	ng/mL	Initial Value*			
Gentamicin- trough	Any age	greater than 2.0	mcg/mL	Initial Value*			
	Less than 1 month	less than 40 greater than 200	mg/dL	Always			
Glucose	Equal to or older than 1 month	less than 60 greater than 500	mg/dL	Always except for Cascade Infusion physicians. If the results is between 500 - 800 mg/dl the result is not called and the CPV* code is used.			
Lactic Acid	Any age	greater than 1.9	mmol/L	Initial Value*			
Lithium	Any age	greater than 2	mEq/L	Initial Value*			
Magnesium Phenobarbital	Any age Any age	less than 1.0 greater than 40	mg/dL	Initial Value* Initial Value*			
Phenytoin (Dilantin)	Any age	greater than 40	mcg/mL mcg/mL	Initial Value*			
<u> </u>		less than 1.2	-				
Phosphorus	Any age	greater than 8.8	mg/dL	Initial Value*			
Phenytoin Free	Any age	greater than 2.5	mcg/mL	Initial Value*			
Potassium	Less than 1 month	less than 2.5 greater than 8.0	mEq/L	Always			
	Equal to or older than 1 month	less than 2.5 greater than 6.2	mEq/L	Initial Value*			
Protein, 24 hr. Urine	OB Patients	greater than 4999	mg/24 hr.	Initial Value*			
Sodium	Less than 1 month	less than 125 greater than 150	mmol/L	Always			
	Equal to or older than 1 month	less than 120 greater than 150	mmol/L	Initial Value*			
Salicylate	Any age	greater than 35	mg/dL	Initial Value*			
Syphilis IgG IgM	Inpatients	reactive		Initial Value*			
Syphilis RPR	Inpatients	reactive		Initial Value*			
Theophylline Tobramycin- trough	Any age Any age	greater than 25 greater than 2.0	mcg/mL mcg/mL	Initial Value* Initial Value*			
Troponin T (High Sensitivity)	Any age	greater than 52	ng/L	Initial Value*			
Valproic Acid (Depakene)	Any age	greater than 125	mcg/mL	Initial Value*			
Vancomycin (peak)	Any age	greater than 60	mcg/mL	Initial Value*			
		COAGULATION					
ANALYTE	AGE RANGE	CRITICAL VALUE	UNITS	FREQUENCY OF NOTIFICATION			
APTT Protime/ INR	Any age Less than 1 month Equal to or older than	greater than 150 INR greater than 1.5	seconds	Initial Value* Always			
	1 month	INR greater than 5.0 HEMATOLOGY		Initial Value*			
ANALYTE	AGE RANGE	CRITICAL VALUE	UNITS	FREQUENCY OF NOTIFICATION			
		less than 1,0					
WBC	Any age	greater than 37.0	/mm³ gm/dL	Initial Value*			
	Less than 1 month	greater than 23	gm/dL gm/dL	Always			
Hemoglobin	1 month to 6 months	greater than 19.9 less than 6.5	gm/dL gm/dL	Always			
	Older than 6 months	greater than 18.5	gm/dL gm/dL	Initial Value*			
Hematocrit	Less than 1 month	less than 25% greater than 70%		Always			
	1 month to 6 months	less than 19.5% greater than 60%		Always			
	Older than 6 months	less than 19.5 % greater than 56%		Initial Value*			
Platelet Count	Less than 1 month	less than 50 greater than 850	thou/mm ₃	Always			
	Equal to or older than 1 month	less than 20 greater than 850	thou/mm ₃	Initial Value*			

ANC- Absolute Neutrophil Count	Any age	less than 0.5	thou/mm3	Initial Value*
RBC- Abnormal morph (new)	Any age	3+ schistocytes		Initial Value*
RBC- Hemolytic morphology	Any age	3+ spherocytes or sickle cells		Initial Value*
Leukemia, New Diagnosis of	Any age	Presence of Blasts		Initial Value*
Parasites, Blood Smear	Any age	Parasites present		Initial Value*
CSF WBC (Non-bloody Tap)	Less than 1 year	greater than 20	/mm ₃	Initial Value*
	Older than 1 year	greater than 10	/ mm 3	Initial Value*
CSF	Any age	Malignant cells, bacteria or Cryptococcus present		Initial Value*

MICROBIOLOGY

Positive blood culture - Notify for the following: 1. Initial identification of the organism. 2. Additional notification is requested by the ordering provider. 3. The initial gram stain was negative. 3. The isolated organism does not match the gram stain. 4. The MLS deems it necessary.

CSF: All positive gram stain and/or cultures. Positive bacterial or fungal antigens detected.

Positive AFB Stain or culture

Positive C. difficile
MRSA: Inpatient specimens positive for MRSA by PCR methodology and MRSA culture the first positive culture for that admission.
All positive body fluid or normally sterile site gram stains, including surgical cultures Sterile site culture is positive & gram stain was reported negative.

REFERRALS

Send out test that have a critical value are always called.

PREVIOUS IDENTIFIED CRITICAL RESULTS.

If there is documentation that a critical result has been previously reported, the repeat critical result is not called provided all the following conditions are met:

1. The RN or LIP was notified of the original critical result.

- 2. There is no significant change in the result.

 3. The previous result (either initial or previous) was from the same admission.

 4. There were no non-critical results since previous critical result