



July 22, 2024

RE: Pap smears

Dear providers,

Pap Smears will return to the SJ/C Laboratory in-house test menu on July 29, 2024. The ThinPrep liquid-based technique will be utilized for Pap smear testing. HPV and CT/NG testing can be performed on ThinPrep gynecological specimens for patient convenience.

PAP testing results will be available via the patient's EMR under Diagnostics/Pathology.

To ensure timely processing of Pap specimens, please consider the following:

- A Cytology order requested by a Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) is required.
 - All specimens must be accompanied by a completed requisition if required information is not included in the LIP order.
- The requisition must include:
 - The patient's name,
 - The patient's date of birth,
 - The submitting physician's name,
 - The specimen type (source),
 - If the specimen is for an outpatient, additional requirements include:
 - The patient's social security number
 - The patient's address
 - The billing information to include appropriate diagnosis codes.
- Two patient identifiers must be on the specimen container.
- Other helpful information to include on the requisition:
 - LMP
 - History and other pertinent clinical information, to include history of abnormal Pap, hormone therapy or hysterectomy.

We are excited to bring this testing back in house. We aim for rapid turn-around-time and excellent customer service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the laboratory at 912-819-8440.

Sincerely,

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