

Policies - Mary Washington Hospital

Reportable Disease

The laboratory complies with reporting requirements for the Virginia State Health Department regarding reportable diseases. We report by fax, written form, and/or phone. We strive to cooperate with our clients so that we both comply with applicable state regulations. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory.

Interfering Substances

Most common interfering substances are listed in the specimen requirement column of the test listing. For a more detailed listing of potential interfering substances please contact the clinical laboratory at 540-741-1136.

Medical Records

The Health Information Management (HIM) Department will maintain all requests for inpatient and Emergency Department patients. Requests for laboratory services on outpatients are kept for a minimum of 2 years as legally required by regulatory and governmental agencies. Laboratory results for both inpatients and outpatients are a part of the hospital's medical record, for the clinical lifetime of the patient.

Release of Medical Records

Laboratory results may be released to the patient from the laboratory after the completion of a "Release of Medical Information" form. This form is available from HIM (Medical Records) or from the patient service centers.

Reference Values

All reference values are reported for adult normals unless otherwise indicated.

Clinical Trials Participation Inquiries

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine only participates in clinical trials approved by the Mary Washington Hospital Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Medicolegal Testing

The Department of Pathology does not perform medicolegal testing.

Unlisted Tests

New procedures are developed throughout the year; therefore, some tests are not listed in this catalog. For information about unlisted tests, call Client Services Monday through Friday at 540-741-3415. For after hours questions, technical questions,

or specific test information concerning assay performance, please call the Main Hospital Laboratory, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 540-741-1137, and ask for a medical technologist to assist you.

Charity Care

The Mary Washington Hospital Outreach Laboratory conforms to the Mary Washington Hospital policies pertaining to charity care and collections. For further information regarding the hospital's charity care and collection policies please inquire with the hospital's Patient Accounts Department at 540-741-1041.