

Confidentiality

Confidentiality of Results

The Department of Pathology is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of patient information. To ensure Health Insurance and Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) compliance for the appropriate release of patient results, the following policies have been adopted:

ordered; and (2) the ordering physician has obtained from the subject patient authorization permitting Mary Washington Hospital to report the results of each test ordered directly to the ordering physician.

Telephone Inquiry Policy

One of the following Department of Pathology or Mayo Medical Laboratory unique identifiers will be required:

- Accession ID number for specimen; or
- Medical Record ID number;
- MML client account number
- MML accession ID number
- Client accession ID number interfaced to MML
- Identification by individual that he or she is, in fact, the “referring physician” identified on the requisition form or in the Laboratory Information System at Mary Washington Hospital

Facsimile Policy

The Department of Pathology will only fax results to clients who have verified facsimile numbers on file in the Laboratory Information System. The Outreach department utilizes Requisition-Based Reports (RBR) a convenient and efficient way of communicating a patient’s laboratory test results to physicians and medical facilities. RBR enables outreach sites to schedule and receive customized electronic reports to a verified printer or fax machine. Please contact Client Services at 540-741-3415 for more facsimile details.

Corporate Compliance

Mary Washington Hospital Laboratory strives to comply with all regulatory and corporate compliance requirements. Any potential compliance concern may be brought to the attention of the Laboratory Director, on-call Pathologist, or by contacting the Mary Washington Hospital Integrity Hotline at 1-800-442-8762.

Informed Consent

Submission of an order for any tests contained in this catalog performed by the Department of Pathology constitutes the certification to the Department of Pathology by the ordering physician that (1) the ordering physician has obtained the “Informed Consent” of the subject patient as required by any applicable state or federal laws with respect to each test