



Nursing Service Guidelines Pre-Admission Testing Center (PAT)

Title: **NOTIFYING DOCTORS OF ABNORMAL TEST RESULTS IN
PRE-ADMISSION TESTING CENTER**

Responsibility: PAT Registered Nurse (RN)

Purpose of Guidelines: To establish criteria for notifying physician of abnormal test results so delays and surgical cancellations are kept to a minimum.

Procedure:

1. Send a secure chat message with abnormal results to attending physician and their medical assistant via EHR. If no response acknowledging receipt within business day, call to alert office staff that abnormal labs were sent.
2. Clinic staff are responsible for notifying OR schedulers if the surgery needs to be cancelled or postponed and notifying the patient of any changes.
3. Physician or clinic staff are encouraged to notify PAT of new orders or changes, if any.

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