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PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY MEDICINE SERVICE

Reference Intervals Policy Version 1 General Procedure # GEN00016

Policy:

Method performance is critical to good laboratory practice and therefore the following steps are necessary:

1. The laboratory will evaluate the appropriateness of its reference ranges when:
 - Introduction of a new analyte to test the test menu.
 - Change of analytic methodology.
 - Change in patient population.
2. The evaluation will be documented and available for review.
3. Current test methods will always be available in the Veterans Health Information System and Technical Architecture (VISTA) system. Performance specifications will be available in laboratory procedure manuals and will be given to authorized persons upon request.
4. Changes in analytic methodology will be noted in VISTA. Appropriate reference ranges will be listed along with any information needed to compare new methods with older methodology. Significant changes may require the use of a banner on the VISTA, special notification of house staff via Chiefs of Services, etc.

Reference(s):

1. College of American Pathologist- All Common Checklist, August 2016.



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