

## Referral of Smears for Pathologist Review

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### Policy

Peripheral blood smears with blasts (unknown cases) or unidentifiable cells must be referred to the pathologist for review.

CSF or body fluid smears with blasts, atypical cells, or unidentifiable cells must be referred to the pathologist for review.

Orders for “Blood Smear, Peripheral, Interpretation by Physician with Report” and “Peripheral Blood Smear Interpretation” may be ordered by the provider. These smears must always be referred to the pathologist for review.

In all cases, a slide with a pathology review form is sent to the Pathology Department for the Pathologist to review the smear the next working day or if paged by the provider.

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### Safety

All specimens, reagents and controls should be handled as though capable of transmitting infectious diseases. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment when running patient samples or performing scheduled maintenance. Refer to: Policy and Procedures Safety Manual Infection Control and Procedures 11-085-01.

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### Procedure

See Hematology P&P HEM.03-0250 for procedural specifics.

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