#### 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.  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. | |
| 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. | |

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| Procedure | See Hematology P&P HEM.MOB.03-0010 for procedural specifics. |

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| Controlled Documents | The following controlled documents support this policy. |
| **References** |
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| Laboratory Medicine Hematology, John B. Miale, 6th edition, O.V. Mosby Company, St. Louis. p.475, 869. |
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