



# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL

ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

## Critical Values and Significant Test Results

Laboratory employees call critical values to the patient's documented caregiver. Per Hospital Policy, lab staff begins calling critical results immediately after the test result meets assay criteria of acceptability.

Test results considered *significant*, but *not defined as critical* will be called to the care provider on the same day that the results are available. These alert results are:

- Positive AFB smears
- Positive AFB cultures other than *M. gordonae*
- Positive *Coccidioides immitis*, *Blastomyces dermatidis*, or *Histoplasma capsulatum* DNA probes
- Positive cultures for bacteria and fungus from body fluids and tissues (normally sterile sites)

A complete listing of Critical Values and Alert Results is available on the Clinical Laboratory's website at <http://clinlab.uch.edu>.

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