

# Newton-Wellesley Hospital's LAB REPORT

Summer 2010

## New Chair of Pathology, Anthony Guidi, MD

Anthony Guidi, MD, recently joined Newton-Wellesley Hospital as the Chair of Pathology. He serves as successor to Dennis Feen, MD, who will continue to serve as a pathologist at the Hospital. Dr. Guidi had previously served as the Chair of the Pathology Department at North Shore Medical Center since 2001. He received his medical degree from Boston University school of Medicine and completed his residency in Boston at Beth Israel Hospital. He is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology.

Dr. Guidi is a member of the College of American Pathologists, American Society for Clinical Pathology, Massachusetts Pathology Society, New England Society of Pathology and American Pathology Foundation and has been published in numerous journals. His research interests include the clinical aspects of breast cancer pathology and treatment and tumor angiogenesis.

## New Outreach Representative, Tracey O'Connell

Tracey O'Connell recently joined the Lab as an Outreach Representative, working with Wendy Daigle to visit our lab clients and ensure service is going smoothly. Tracey is familiar with some of our physician offices through her work at the Sleep Lab.

## Laboratory On-Line Test Manual Now Available

We have recently updated and added new sections to our Test Manual and have made it available via the Internet and the Intranet for easy access. The website is [www.crlonline.com/login](http://www.crlonline.com/login). The login name is NWH and the password is NWH. The site is listed on the NWH Intranet home page under "Laboratory Test Manual" found on the lower left column of the home page.

Once you are in the Test Manual you may search for tests by name and find information about the test such as uses for the test, normal and critical ranges and proper specimen collection. At the INDEXES tab, you'll find an alphabetical test search option, and when you click on "Using Charts/Special Topics", you will find information on a variety of topics including lab forms and requisitions, the critical value policy, test panel information and additional laboratory contact information. Hard copies of the Test Manual will be available for distribution this fall.

## New Clients

We are pleased to announce several new lab clients this spring: **Elizabeth Handel, MD**, Internal Medicine; **David Keiff, MD**, Otolaryngology and Facial Plastic Surgery; and **Leonard Finn, MD**, Needham Wellesley Family Medicine.



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## High Risk HPV Results Now Available on the Cytology Report

Recognizing that many cervical cancer screening follow-up decisions require both the cytology and HR HPV results, we will be incorporating the HR HPV results directly onto the cervical cytology report as an added convenience. The HR HPV result will be listed at the bottom of the cytology report if it is available at the time the cytology is completed. A minority of HR HPV tests are the result of reflex testing after the interpretation of atypical cells. In order to not delay the cytology results, these cytology reports will say "HPV testing will be performed and reported separately," as they have said in the past.

Regardless of the cytology report, the HR HPV result will also continue to be reported as a separate laboratory result.

## Lab Service Reminders

We've made some processing changes following the implementation of the new registration system. The special blue bags for cytology/pathology specimens are no longer required. We ask that all specimens now be submitted in the clear routine bags, together with any swabs and/or blood work. Please discard your blue bags or feel free to return them to us.

Please contact our Customer Service Department at 617-243-6300 when a physician joins or leaves your facility so that we can ensure proper handling of lab results for them.

For better turnaround times for surgical pathology specimens, please have specimens ready for your scheduled pick ups throughout the day. The earlier in the day the specimen is received in the Lab, the better the TAT will be.

Please note that the order form for therapeutic phlebotomy has been revised. The form is available under Lab Forms in the online Test Manual. Alternately, you may request a copy of the form by calling the NWH Blood Bank at 617-243-6091. A written and signed physician order is required for performance of this procedure, and must be received in advance of the patient's scheduled appointment. Orders are valid for six months

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## Compliance Corner

Medicare and other third party payers will only pay for those tests that are medically necessary (MN) for the diagnosis and treatment of a patient as determined by the ICD-9 codes that accompany the test requisition. In order to ensure compliance with various billing regulations, the NWH Laboratory requires authorized clinical staff to include appropriate ICD-9 code(s) or narrative diagnosis for all lab tests ordered on the requisition. The diagnosis information that you provide on the lab requisition must appear in the patient's medical record to support payment.

Tests that are eligible for MN review are printed in red on the NWH Laboratory Requisition. If these tests are ordered without supporting diagnosis, and Medicare or Blue Cross denies payment, the patient will be billed. Causes for test failing MN are often failure to provide the appropriate narrative diagnosis, ICD-9 codes or expired ICD-9 codes. The MN screening requirements and up-to-date ICD-9 codes can be found on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) website at [www.cos.hhs.gov/NCD](http://www.cos.hhs.gov/NCD).