

Lab Formulary –January 2019

To: Inpatient and Outpatient Clinicians

From: High Value Care Committee

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Topic: Lab Formulary- Tiering System

The High Value Care Committee has approved the use of a tiering designation for laboratory testing in an effort to ensure appropriate Lab Test Utilization practices and maximize the clinical utility of Laboratory Testing. The Tiers are defined as:

Tier 1 (Unrestricted Tests) - Tests Available to All Providers

Tier 2 (Restricted Tests) - Tests that can only be ordered by board certified, sub specialty trained physicians as defined in the following table.

Tier 3 (Off Formulary) - Testing not available through Huntsville Hospital Laboratory due to unclear, controversial, or poorly proven clinical value.

Going forward the Lab Formulary Committee will have a formal process for considering:

1. One time exceptions to a Tier 3 Designated test when submitted with sufficient evidence of medical necessity and explanation of clinical utility.
2. Tier 1 or Tier 2 designation of new tests with proven value for greatly impacting the direction and/or long term cost of clinical care.

Summary of HVCC Committee Decisions

LABORATORY TEST	FORMULARY DECISION	COMMENTS
All tests performed at HH Inhouse Laboratory with the exception of TEG and Respiratory Panel.	Tier 1	
Respiratory Panel (performed by HH Lab).	Tier 2	Approved for the Following Inpatient Populations: Pediatrics and Patients under the care of Infectious Disease, Pulmonology and Critical Care Physicians
Chromosome Microarray	Tier 2	Require Genetic Consultation for all requesting MD's except Neonatology and High Risk OB. Contact Lab Client Services for assistance with Genetic Consultation.
TEG (performed by HH Lab).	Tier 2	Approved for ordering by Cardiovascular Surgeons, Trauma (including OB), Interventional Radiology and Anesthesiology participating in the care of these patients.

LABORATORY TEST	FORMULARY DECISION	COMMENTS
Referral Testing on Inpatients with > 5 day turnaround time.	Tier 3	
Request for test referral to esoteric lab.	Tier 3	<p>Esoteric Lab- any lab other than Primary Reference Lab (Mayo Medical Laboratories).</p> <p>All current testing referred to non-Mayo laboratories will be grandfathered in but subject to future review and committee decision.</p>
All Respiratory Testing and Infectious Disease Panels (for joint samples) performed by Diatherix.	Tier 3	<p>Alternative Respiratory Testing Option: Inhouse Tier 2 Respiratory Panel.</p>