Receiving Results

We offer a variety of options for you to receive your laboratory results. Options include the following:

- Web based result retrieval (via Atlas)
- Mobile device result retrieval for ordering providers only
- Faxed results
- Results printed to a network printer
- Courier delivery
- Mailed results
- Results integrated into your EMR or LIS

Printed charts (fax, printer, courier delivery, and mailed) have various options for frequency and timing for result printing: Expedite, Interim, Cumulative, and Final. We will be happy to discuss the option that best suits your needs for the facility copy of results as well as the ordering provider copy of the results.

Chart Layout

MCL chart reports include the patient’s name, age, ordering physician, time collected as indicated on the test request, test name, results, reference ranges and alert flags. Special symbols are used in the computer-generated clinical laboratory reports to indicate items for attention or to add information to specific results.

- **C** Result is in critical range. Critical results are those that may be life threatening in some circumstances, particularly if the result is due to an acute change in the patient’s condition. MCL calls all critical results as soon as results are available.

- ^ There is a footnote for this result. A footnote is a comment or explanation of a test result or laboratory procedure. Footnotes are used for extended interpretation of test results and for documenting variances in specimen quality or test performance.

- **H** Result is High, above reference range.

- **L** Result is Low, below reference range

- * Alphanumeric result is abnormal. For example, a test that is normally NEGATIVE in healthy individuals is reported POSITIVE.

- # Reference ranges for a test have changed because the patient's age or sex as recorded in the computer has changed.

- # The current result is a corrected result; previous result was erroneous. The previous incorrect result is documented as a footnote, as is the phone call made to notify the office of the change.
The test was referred to a Reference Lab.