

Laboratory Update

Histology ordering:

For clients set up with MercyOne across an electronic interface, we request that Histology (tissue exam) orders placed on Anatomic Pathology (AP) specimens be ordered electronically on the respective EMRs. This will streamline the workflow process and improve the turnaround time involved in specimen testing.

Preferred Test Panels in EPIC:

The Trinity Health standard relies on providers to place test orders as needed, as opposed to creating convenience-focused test panels. Providers can use the 'favorites' function or create their own personal-order panels. Further assistance with this task can be found by calling our Customer Service Department at 515-247-4439.

Ordering the Treponemal Antibody Screen:

This is a reminder that a Treponemal Antibody Screen must be completed prior to ordering a Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) test. However, for clients that do perform antibody testing, ordering the Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) test directly is acceptable and expected.

Ordering ANA and dsDNA:

The ANA tests no longer include a dsDNA: the dsDNA will instead need to be ordered separately in EPIC. Below are the relevant test codes for this workflow process:

- LAB10872: Antinuclear Ab with Reflex to IFA
- LAB10673: Antinuclear Ab with Reflex to IFA and ENA
- LAB10659: dsDNA AB with Reflex to Titer