

TIP OF THE WEEK # 87

Critical Test Results

The objective of this message is to emphasize the importance of reporting critical test results to the clinical staff as soon as they are identified. This will allow for early intervention and may be, save lives.

According to the AUBMC policy on the above subject, the critical test result is defined as “a result that is beyond the normal variation with a high probability of a significant increase in morbidity and/or mortality in the near future”. For practical purposes, critical results include unexpected findings.

Critical test results should be reported to, and confirmed by, the concerned physician by using the “read back” method. The reporting process should also be documented in a special logbook.

Further information on this subject can be obtained thru the following link:

https://his.aub.edu.lb/accrm/policies/AUBMC_Critical_Test_Results_2nd_Ed_0109.pdf