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§493.1291 Standard: Test report

(h) When the laboratory cannot report patient test results within its established time frames, the laboratory must determine, based on the urgency of the patient test(s) requested, the need to notify the appropriate individual(s) of the delayed testing.

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1291(h)

If a delay in reporting patient test results may negatively impact patient care, the laboratory should have an alternative method for reporting patient results when the LIS or test system is down.

Cite deficiencies only when the laboratory has failed to notify its client(s) when delays in testing patient specimens have the potential for or are adversely affecting patient care.

Probes §493.1291(h)

What criteria has the laboratory established for notifying the appropriate individual of the delay in testing? Use D5403.

How will the laboratory report patient test results if the LIS or test system is down?