

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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**Patient
Population**

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| Neonate | √ |
| Pediatric | √ |
| Adolescent | √ |
| Adult | √ |
| Geriatric | √ |

POLICY:

Alert values for laboratory results shall be communicated to the patients' provider in the E.D. or a RN, NP or MD in the E.D.

PROCEDURE:

The technician in the laboratory will call the ED Attending at extension 46464 or 41761; if the attending is not available, the call will roll forward to the registrar at 46639 who will be asked to locate the physician, nurse, or PA responsible for the patients that have abnormal alert value. The patient name and medical record number will be provided to ED staff by the laboratory. The responding ED staff will give their name. Results will be reported only to a M.D., NP or RN. The RN, M.D., or PA taking the results will report the results to the patients' provider and document the value in the medical record