

Document on management of high-risk test results, 2/16

February—The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute has published a new document titled “Management of Critical- and Significant-Risk Results (GP47-Ed1).” This guideline provides current best practice recommendations for developing and implementing a policy and procedures for the identification, reporting, and management of critical- and significant-risk laboratory results. Emphasis is placed on management responsibilities such as development of the policy, the process, procedures, job descriptions, and monitoring systems that ensure effective reporting and compliance with regulatory requirements.

This document is intended for clinical and laboratory directors, managers, and personnel who develop and implement laboratory policies and processes. The standard is also intended for health care administrators who oversee compliance with regulatory requirements, accreditation, and clinical practice standards related to patient safety.

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