

# Laboratory News

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## Change in HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Testing

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Effective immediately, the Microbiology & Molecular Pathology Laboratory in Marshfield will require any sample submitted for HPV testing to be screened and deemed to have adequate cellularity prior to testing. Due to this change, the following should be noted:

- The turn-around-time for an HPV test ordered alongside a PAP, will now be 1-3 business days from arrival into the lab.
- The HPV result will no longer be added to the cytology result.
- Only samples that also have a PAP performed indicating that the sample has satisfactory cellularity will be accepted.
  - The HPV-ONL and HPV w/HPV Genotyping test codes have been updated with a question for client use, asking if cytology paperwork has also been submitted. This question serves as a reminder that the PAP paperwork must accompany the sample.
  - Any sample that does not have the required paperwork submitted will be sent to Mayo for HPV testing.
- For HPV testing that is requested without a concurrent PAP, a send out is available. These tests should be ordered as a HPVSO and the test will be ordered through our processing department.