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**LABORATORY PHLEBOTOMY
ORDER ENTRY CHANGES**

In a collaborative effort with the Medical Staff, Nursing and Laboratory, a review of collections was performed -

Goals -

- a. reduce the number of repeated venipunctures
- b. decrease response time for STAT <ST> draws
- c. monitor STAT <ST> utilization - the Stat category is presently used to expedite test reporting which may not be necessary for improved clinical care

ROUND TIMES - 6AM, 10AM, 2PM, 6PM, 10PM, 2AM

Q OPTION(S) - ONCE AND Q8 hrs

PRIORITIES -

ROUTINE - WILL BE COLLECTED ON ROUNDS

**STAT - IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TIME RELATED TO
CLINICAL CARE NEED**

AM - DAILY LABS FOR "NEXT DAY" AM

**DA - "AM" STAT PRIORITY FOR PATIENTS "PENDING
DISCHARGE"**

CYTOLOGY REQUISITION CHANGES

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In response to physician requests and in compliance with recommendations by The American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP), Danbury Hospital will be offering High Risk HPV only beginning August, 2004.

In order to prepare for this change, the Cytology Section has revised the requisitions which are provided to physician offices. Please discard your old requisitions and use the new ones.

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