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## LABTEST

### **A Laboratory Connectivity**

**Seminar** sponsored by Labtest was held for laboratory clients. This seminar was designed so that physicians and their staff could review result reporting and test ordering processes using Labtest.com, a software package offered to users of Danbury Hospital laboratory at no charge.

These are answers to some questions asked by participants:

### **Implementing Labtest:**

**Question:** What is required to set up Labtest?

**Answer:** *A PC with high speed Internet connection.*

**Q:** What task should be implemented 1<sup>st</sup> using Labtest?

**A:** *Result reporting is the easiest function to implement.*

**Q:** What kinds of labels are available?

**A:** *Specimen labels are supplied by Danbury Hospital*

**Q:** Can Labtest integrate with EMR system?

**A:** *Yes*

**Q:** We are using IDX. Should we use Labtest.com to order tests?

**A:** *Yes, if Labtest is used, a record of what has been ordered will be available*

**Q:** How can a client obtain a Sign-On?

**A:** *Complete a sign on request and contact Client Services Representative, Sandi Smith, at 203-739-7800. A training session may be completed by phone.*

### **Ordering Tests**

**Q:** Where does the demographic information come from?

**A:** *Demographics come into Labtest from either a download of the practice management system or the hospital information system.*

**Q:** Can tests be added on?

**A:** *If the specimen is still at the office, tests may be added on. If the*

*specimen has been picked up, add-on testing is requested by notifying Laboratory personnel.*

**Q:** Does the system “time out”?

**A:** *Yes, in 90 minutes for security reasons*

**Q:** Is the system available to all?

**A:** *Yes, Labtest is available all doctor’s offices including DOPS*

**Q:** Will ABN forms print at office or draw site?

**A:** *Yes, both*

**Q:** Are there required fields?

**A:** *Yes, depending on the patient's insurance*

### **Results Reporting**

**Q:** Are pending reports listed?

**A:** *If ordered by Labtest, pending reports will be available.*

*Preliminary microbiology reports are also available.*

**Q:** Will we continue to get faxes if we use Labtest?

**A:** *Once online and comfortable with retrieving results, the fax option may be turned off if requested*

**Q:** Does Labtest send each result separately?

**A:** *All results are consolidated in one report. If desired, reports for each accession number may be viewed as tests are completed by the lab*

**Q:** Can we see tests that other physicians have ordered on patients?

**A:** *No, only if you are on the patient’s registration record.*

**Q:** What reports are available?

**A:** *Completed results, including those for inpatients and ED patients are available for review for Laboratory: Clinical, Histology, Microbiology, Blood Bank, Cytology and Cytogenetics, Nuclear Medicine, and Radiology.*

**Q:** Can reports be printed without reviewing?

**A:** *Yes*

**Q:** Can a physician or office obtain results from a previous lab test?

**A:** *Only the physician of record is able to obtain prior patient results*

Help for an existing system may be obtained by calling **Laura Desjardins at 203-739-8035**. For more information regarding Labtest, please contact **Sandi Smith (203) 739-7800** E-Mail:

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## **SurePath Technology Now Available**

*Mary S. Chacho, MD, Director of Cytology  
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Danbury Hospital Laboratory is pleased to announce the availability of TriPath's SurePath technology, an FDA-approved liquid-based Pap test, for the detection of cervical cancer, pre-cancerous lesions, atypical cells and other cytologic abnormalities. This test, initially marketed as Autocyte, uses an alcohol-based fixative supplied in a 10 mL plastic vial. With SurePath, healthcare providers collect a gynecologic sample using a broom-type sampling device or an endocervical brush/plastic spatula combination with detachable head. The detachable distal end of the collection device is removed from the handle and placed in a vial of the SurePath Preservative Fluid. The entire specimen containing the collection device is sent to the Cytology section of the laboratory where it is agitated to maximize cellular yield, particularly

endocervical cells or other cells which may be adherent to the collection device. The use of a proprietary processor allows the cells to be distributed on a glass slide in a manner that helps to facilitate accurate interpretation by cytotechnologists and pathologists.

Questions regarding the test or specimen collection may be directed to the Cytology section of the laboratory at 203-739-7846. Clinical questions may be directed to Dr. Chacho at 203-739-7082.

### **TECHNOLOGY IS NOT PERFECT!**

Please contact the laboratory immediately if there are pages missing from faxed reports.  
203-739-7306

### **STANDING ORDER RENEWAL**

Notice that standing orders are due to be renewed prints on the patient report. Please forward updated orders as necessary to avoid interruptions in the processing of patient testing.

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