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All Clients with the Laboratory Reference Centre

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RE: CHANGE IN FORMAT TO FLOW CYTOMETRY REPORTS

Effective July 9, 2012, we will be making changes to the format of reports from the Flow Cytometry Laboratory.

We will no longer include the individual percentages of each of the markers on the gated population.

The report will continue to include a morphology comment and an interpretive comment, and the proportion of total cells and phenotype of any abnormal population found will also continue to be part of the report.

This process improvement will greatly reduce transcription without impacting the quality of the report and will provide improvements in turn-around-time.

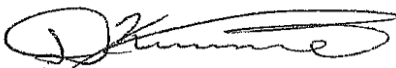
We welcome your feedback at any time.



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