**Estradiol Assay Change**

Starting August 10, 2015, the Clinical Laboratory will offer an improved Estradiol Assay by Roche Diagnostics. The new assay uses more specific monoclonal antibodies, resulting in different normal values for clinically important cohorts. If you are following a patient, please refer to the table below for changes in the Reference Intervals.

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<th>Current Reference Interval</th>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>7.6 - 42.5 pg/mL</td>
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<td>- Follicular</td>
<td>12.5 - 166 pg/mL</td>
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<td>&lt;54.7 pg/mL</td>
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For further information, please contact Dr. Banki, Director of Care Laboratory at bankik@upstate.edu or at 464-6790.

**Adult Inpatient RRT Model Provider Change**

I want to thank everyone for helping to transition RRT coverage over the past month. The Adult Rapid Response Team (RRT) Policy (CM R-14) and Procedure has been updated (see attached). Please review the Fast Facts below:

The provider on the Adult Rapid Response Team has changed from MICU/SICU Resident to Primary Team Resident.

**Covered Medicine Service**
- 24/7: Page Resident listed in AMION

**Uncovered Medicine Service**
- 08-20: Floor staff to page Attending
- 20-08: Floor staff to page Nocturnist

**All other Services**
- 24/7: Floor staff to page Primary Team Provider (Resident, Attending, NP, PA)
1. **Floor Staff** will call operator by dialing **4-4444** to request Adult RRT with unit and room # and then page Primary Team resident with floor extension, followed by **911**.
2. **Operator** will page the RRT (SWAT nurse, Respiratory Therapy, and Nursing Supervisor)
3. **Medical Provider** will respond to page immediately and then to the patient’s bedside to evaluate and begin appropriate treatments and interventions, notify the attending, and obtain ICU consults when warranted.
4. **Consults** (i.e. MICU, SICU, Medicine, Neurology, Cardiology) will respond to patient’s bedside within 15 minutes of notification.
5. **Floor staff** will utilize chain of command for any delay in call back or response time.

### Change to Patient Expiration Release of Body Form 41450

Earlier this year a large interdisciplinary team gathered to address numerous patient care issues surrounding patient deaths in our institution. The root issues were traced to breakdowns in communication and staff not knowing each of the steps in the process surrounding autopsies and referrals to the Medical Examiner. One of the key changes is to the Release of Body form 41450. This form is our best way to document each step in the process and ensure key individuals are notified along the way. The revised form is organized in a matrix fashion with vertical columns to denote if this will be a Medical Examiner case, or if autopsy is requested or declined. Horizontally, the form has places for each stakeholder to document their steps in this process. Additionally, EPIC has some changes to help guide nurses and physicians through the process.

The pronouncing physician and the RN caring for the patient must complete the **Release of Body Form #41450**. If there is any doubt concerning the reportability of a death to the Medical Examiner’s Office, the Medical Examiner’s Office should be called.

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![Release of Body Form](image)
Outstanding Physician Comments

Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week’s comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

Inpatient at Community – Dr. Kim – the best!
8F – Dr. Carhart is an OUTSTANDING physician.
9G – Dr. Martinez – very sharp!
10E – Dr. Wright was awesome!

Medicine Subspecialties – Drs. Perl, Chaparala, and Szombathy gave me excellent care!
Joslin – Dr. Hopkins – caring, very professional and concerned about my well being.