
Publications

Communiqué

Designed to provide informational articles about laboratory testing, the Communiqué serves as a medium for sharing detailed test information. New tests being offered, improvements in methodologies, as well as changes in specimen requirements, reference values, or CPT codes are all included in this newsletter. Additionally, the Communiqué routinely features articles that address specific diseases and the appropriate utilization of laboratory testing.

Interpretive Handbook

Mayo Medical Laboratories Interpretive Handbook is designed to assist in the ordering and interpretation of laboratory tests in the evaluation of patients with complex medical problems. The comprehensive clinical information helps to enhance the understanding of the test and its use. The handbook also discusses interpretation and includes reference values. The Interpretive Handbook is produced through collaboration with pathologists, clinicians, and supervising technologists. The clinical information is outlined under subheadings for quick retrieval of the specific information sought. The subheadings follow:

Clinical Information: Includes physiology, pathophysiology, and clinical discussion where appropriate

Useful For: Statements suggesting clinical disorders where the test may be helpful

Interpretation: Short statements to assist in interpreting the results

Cautions: Statements indicating possible problems with interpretation or conditions where the assay is frequently ordered but is of not helpful

Clinical Reference: References for further in-depth reading of a clinical nature

Each listing also includes the principles of the procedure, reference values, and a method reference.

As a supplement to our service, the Mayo Medical Laboratories Interpretive Handbook is available by request.