

**SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY**  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CLINICAL LABORATORIES

BAY RIDGE

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RESULTS TO PHYSICIANS

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**PURPOSE:**

The Clinical Laboratory is committed to the required turnaround time (TAT) for test reporting. In the event of a significant delay whereby the test procedure is not available for more than 30 minutes, the laboratories will notify the appropriate physician, nursing station or clinical area. The clinical areas will also be notified of the approximate downtime and the alternate procedures for reporting.