

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: October 6, 2009
Re: Thin Prep® Pap Reporting Delay Notification

The Allina Medical Laboratories standard turn-around-time (TAT) for routine Thin Prep® paps is 9 days. Although our TAT's have recently been as low 3-4 days, due to unavoidable staffing shortages in combination with regulations regarding the number of slides that a Cytotechnologist can read each day, the current TAT for a normal pap is running at 9 business days with an additional 2-3 days added if there is need for re-screening or pathologist review.

We understand your concerns and our Cytology staff is working additional days in attempt to decrease this current TAT. If there are particular outstanding cases that your providers are concerned about, please contact AML Cytology at 612-863-4668 to expedite the case.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.