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In this issue: **MHC Standardizing Lab Critical Values**

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- **Effective Tuesday, June 6, MHC will adopt standard lab critical values across the system.** A critical result is a value that is potentially life threatening and requires immediate communication and/or intervention. Currently, each of our system hospitals has its own critical values, which can differ. As patients are transferred between hospitals and laboratory specimens are transferred between labs, standardizing lab critical values is vital for safe patient care.
- The updated [laboratory critical values guide](#) — separated between adult and pediatric values — is available [here](#), along with the LabMed Report archive.
- The revised lab critical values are the result of provider and lab input as well as analyzing our various current lab values in comparison to other published lists including Mayo Clinic, Michigan Medicine, and Spectrum Health (now CoreWell).
- Next up, we'll be updating the critical values for OB magnesium.
- For more on standardizing lab critical values, [watch](#) the April 5 Provider Forum with Dr. William Kanner, Dr. J. William (Bill) Rawlin, and Bonnie Torres.

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