

## Critical Phone limits for Coagulation Results, St James' Hospital

Parameter	Units	Critical Phone Limits
INR	Ratio	>5.0 for all locations except General Warfarin Clinic (>8.0)
APTT Ratio	Ratio	>3.0
Fibrinogen	g/l	<1.0
Anti-Xa (Heparin)	IU/ml	>1.5
New diagnoses of inherited or acquired bleeding disorders or abnormal coagulation screens suggestive of new diagnosis of bleeding disorder		All new diagnoses
Inhibitor screens	BU	All new patients and those who had a previous negative inhibitor screen
Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia Tests		<p><b>Internal SJH Requests:</b> Positive PaGIAs, all ELISA and all HIPA results are phoned to the Clinical Coagulation team and the requesting ward or clinician.</p> <p><b>External Requests:</b> The following are phoned to the external laboratory and/or ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PAGIA:</b> Positive tests</li> <li>• <b>ELISA:</b> All positive ELISA results. Negative ELISA results are phoned if the PAGIA was already reported as positive.</li> <li>• <b>HIPA:</b> All HIPA results, Positive and Negative</li> </ul>

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### Notes:

- Critical results as defined in the above table will be phoned by a medical scientist to the relevant clinical personnel.
- If the critical results cannot be communicated to the ward / clinical team / external laboratory by phone, despite repeated attempts by staff to do so; these results will then be released into EPR and Healthlink. Further attempts to make contact will be undertaken but cannot be guaranteed.
- If GP, Out-patient or external agency results cannot be phoned, particularly outside of routine working hours, then appropriate further action will be determined post consultation with the Coagulation consultant on-call.
- All other results of tests performed in the Coagulation Laboratory will be released on EPR as soon as they have been authorised.
- While the staff in the Coagulation Laboratory will do their best to adhere to the above guidelines, it is the duty of all doctors to follow up, in a timely fashion, on the results of Coagulation investigations requested on patients under their care.
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