

## 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	>3.5
Fibrinogen	g/l	<1.0 (first time result)
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>All Requests:</b> Positive PaGIAs, positive ELISA and *ALL HIPA results are phoned to the SJH Clinical Coagulation team on patients within SJH and to the external laboratory and/or external clinical team on patients from external agencies.</p> <p>If a sample has had a positive PAGIA and the ELISA subsequently is negative, this negative result is phoned for both internal and external requests.</p>
Vaccine Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia		<p>The following are phoned to all locations (internal and external requests)</p> <p>ELISA: All ELISA results are phoned to requesting location</p> <p>PIPA: All PIPA results are phoned to requesting location</p>

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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. Refer to Section 12 MP H 10 for action to be taken when difficulties are encountered phoning critical results.
- 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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