



**To:** Medical Staff, House Staff, Patient Care Centers, and Outpatient Clinics

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**Subject:** REMOVING STAT ORDER OPTION for sendout tests

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**Laboratory Section:** Lab Service Center

**Summary:**

Effective immediately, when ordering send-out testing to reference laboratories, the STAT option will not be available. All send-out orders will only have the ROUTINE option.

When ordering reference laboratory testing, the processing instructions will notify ordering providers as follows:

“Since this test is a send out, it cannot be ordered STAT, but results will be posted as soon as they are available”.

This change has been made as it better reflects the true priority that these tests will be performed at these outside reference laboratories. All tests sent out to an outside reference laboratory are sent out once per day and are performed at these outside laboratories only as routine.

**Questions:**

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