

## Lab Tests Between Clinic Visits

Whenever possible, we order your lab tests so that important results are available for discussion when you come to clinic. This allows us to talk with you in person about the significance of the results for your care and your health.

Most lab tests performed between visits, known as "interim labs" do not warrant discussion before the next visit. For example, in some cases, we need interim lab tests to adjust future treatments. Such results do not change what you should do or how you should respond to any problems while on treatment. Our teaching sessions with you and the materials we provide cover all precautions and steps to take should a problem come up.

For these reasons, we will not be calling you with most interim lab results. If a lab result does change what you should do, or the dose of a medicine you should take at home, we will contact you by phone. Otherwise we will discuss interim results with you at the next clinic visit.

Thank you,

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