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To: All Clinicians

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Subject: Change in Reporting of Benign Endometrial Cells  
on Pap Tests

Effective September 1, 2015, the Cytology Department of Laboratory Alliance will be reporting benign-appearing endometrial cells in women 45 years of age or older. This revised age limit is due to a change in the recommendation in the updated 2014 Bethesda System for Reporting Cervical Cytology. The prior age for reporting endometrial cells was 40 years old, under Bethesda 2001. All other aspects of reporting Pap test results remain unchanged.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (315) 492-5096 or Janet Miller, Cytopathology Manager, at (315) 410-7210, if you have any questions or concerns about this change in reporting.