

Research Affairs Symposium 10/21/2016 (Valerie Hwang)

Title: Requests for Clinical Laboratory Support

Purpose/Summary: The LLUMC Clinical Laboratory receives requests for support of various research protocols and studies with regards to providing testing services. The laboratory evaluates the research protocol and determines whether the testing or specimen processing requested can be done on-site without interrupting primary patient testing and care.

Types of requests:

1. Surgical Pathology
2. Other Clinical Laboratory

Clinical Trial Center (CTC) forwards request for Laboratory support along with the Research Protocol for review.

Types of support:

- Specimen collection
- Specimen processing and shipping
- Testing services must be within the scope of service; patient testing is priority
- Temporary storage (maximum time 4 days)

Funding

- LLUH sponsored
- Government funded; National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Non-LLUH sponsored (e.g. Vendor)

Pricing

- Outpatient/ Research fee schedule
- Non-LLUH –priced at or above current Medi-Cal rates
- Government funded (e.g. NIH) –pricing may not exceed current Medicare rates
- For in-house testing, the Laboratory pricing cannot be below the Laboratory's direct cost; exception is government funded studies
- Reference Laboratory testing –pass through charges

Billing

- Invoice sent to CTC
- Laboratory Outreach Services account to be invoiced

Results

- Released through LLEAP
- If specimens are from volunteers who have existing LLUH MRNs the results will post to their medical record
- If specimens need to be de-identified, computer builds need to be requested to establish a Research account in LLEAP with pre-programmed alternative specimen identifications