LAB TEST AND IMAGING RESULTS



DO NOT ASSUME NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS. YOUR HEALTH IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE TO CHANCE.

WHEN TO EXPECT RESULTS

- If you had a lab test, look for results in your patient portal within two to three business days
- If you had imaging, look for the radiology report between one and three business days
 Pathology and special studies may take longer
- If you do not see any results within this timeframe, message your care team within the patient portal or call your facility

READING YOUR RESULTS

Lab Reports

- Navigate to the results section
- Click into the PDF or full report
 - Do not just read the one-line summary
 - Look for 'H' or 'L', which indicate 'high' or 'low'
 - Look for anything that says 'abnormal'
- Use the patient portal to track trends, such as A1C levels over time

Imaging Reports

- Check impression results
 - This section will likely be at the end

USING YOUR PATIENT PORTAL

- Message your care team in the portal with a question
- Set alerts by turning on text or email notifications
- Use AI to explain medical language in simple terms copy a few lines, not the entire report
 - Do not include identifiers like your name or date of birth





A GUIDE TO READING COMMON LABS

Checklist	Notes
A1C Look at trends over months Ask your doctor about changes to nutrition, activity or medicines	
Cholesterol Panel Check your LDL or non-HDL Ask your doctor what your goal is and how you achieve it	
Kidney Function Check your creatine and eGFR levels over time Particularly important for patients with diabetes, high blood pressure, or take a lot of NSAIDS	
CBC If flagged for hemoglobin, ask what the likely cause is and what the next step is	



