

Critical and Semi-Urgent Values Tables

Nebraska LabLinc has made the decision to eliminate alert range reporting after reviewing the practices of other clinical laboratories. It was found that the alert level result criteria is no longer being utilized in other local and regional clinical laboratories. A review of the actual critical ranges was also done which resulted in an update of some of the current ranges. Refer to the **Critical Values Table** in this notification. Critical test values are those results that are considered “*potentially* life threatening values”. According to our critical values policy, we will use reasonable efforts to promptly notify the individual requesting the test, or the individual responsible for the care of the patient for whom the test was ordered. In addition, we have developed a **Semi-Urgent Values Table** which includes analyte values that “do not pose an immediate health threat but may have severe health consequences if not acknowledged and/or treated”. All test results meeting the criteria listed in the table, will be communicated to the physician or client before the end of the day the results are available or, if the results were obtained after working hours, first thing the next morning. These tables are available associated with this communication or on this website on the Clients page. If you have any questions concerning the updated Critical Values Table or new Semi-Urgent Values Table, please contact your Account Manager or Sharon Zlomke, Technical Manager at Nebraska LabLinc.