
Publications

Communiqué

The *Communiqué* is an educational newsletter and features articles that discuss the appropriate utilization of laboratory tests and other topics of interest such as laboratory inspection, quality, and safety. Articles are written by the medical and technical staff of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology in Rochester, Minnesota. Information about education programs available from Mayo Medical Laboratories also is provided. New test announcements are included with each issue, which provide both clinical and technical information.

Interpretive Handbook

The *Interpretive Handbook* is a compendium of tests offered by Mayo Medical Laboratories. It focuses on clinical information and test interpretation to enhance the understanding of the tests and their use and to assist with ordering tests and interpreting results. The handbook provides concise descriptions, outlined under subheadings for quick retrieval. The subheadings include:

Clinical Information: Discusses the physiology, pathophysiology, and relevant clinical situations

Useful For: Suggests clinical disorders or settings where the test may be helpful

Interpretation: Assists in interpreting the results

Cautions: Indicates potential problems with interpretation or conditions where the assay is frequently ordered but is not helpful

Reference Values: Lists the range of results typically seen in healthy individuals

The handbook is produced through collaboration with the pathologists, laboratory scientists, and clinicians of Mayo Clinic. As a supplement to our service, the Mayo Medical Laboratories *Interpretive Handbook* is available by request.