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Subject: Updates on peripheral blood smear review

To follow the best practices, Kent Hospital Laboratory will discontinue clinician-requested peripheral blood smear review by pathologists (CRSR), effective on 2 September 2025.

This change is also consistent with Women & Infants Hospital policy.

The best practice is made possible due to the advances in automated analyzers coupled with laboratory-derived smear reviews that are able to capture virtually all significant hematologic abnormalities, including hemolysis, chronic myeloproliferative disorders, and acute leukemia. Studies and literature have confirmed that CRSR is of low clinical utility.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Georgette Gatos at 401-737-7000 x35270.

Thank you for your attention.



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