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## **Puerto Rico Clinical and Translational Research Consortium**

**Procedure Title: Report of Critical Values**  
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### **I. Overview/Procedure Description:**

The Laboratory assures the confidentiality of the critical values and any information related to them.

### **II. Area(s) of Responsibility:**

PRCTRC Personnel.

### **III. Procedure Details:**

The medical technologist will be responsible for notifying immediately the investigator of any critical value, by telephone or personally. The identity of the investigator should be verified. The telephone numbers of the investigator and collaborators must be available to lab personnel. The critical values have to be reported on no more than 24 hours since the test was reported. All the intents carried out by being communicated will be recorded in a log.

### **IV. References:**

General Laboratory Systems  
493.1231 Standard: Confidentiality of Patient Information

### **V. Help Page:**

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/clia/regs/toc.aspx>