

April 9, 2018

CBC Reporting – Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)

Effective Tuesday, April 17, 2018 all complete blood count (CBC) orders will have a PRELIMINARY absolute neutrophil count (ANC) reported along with the other automated indices (WBC, Hb, Hct, MCV, MCH, MCHC, PLT, RDW). This calculated value will be verified when the WBC differential is confirmed and then a final ANC will also be reported. Thus there may be a discrepancy in the preliminary and final ANC values. The preliminary ANC is being added to the CBC report in an effort to expedite ANC reporting, potentially allowing chemotherapy to be initiated sooner and thus improving patient care.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Deb Perry, Methodist Hospital Medical Director at X4-4559 or the clinical lab at X4-4541.