

# Peripheral Blood Smear

Clarification on slide reviews sent to UVMMC:

**Workflow Process:** A peripheral blood smear sent to UVMMC because 1) it meets reflex criteria or 2) a technologist has a concern about cell morphology will be reviewed by a senior hematology technologist at UVMMC. If the senior technologist agrees with the findings and feels comfortable with cell morphology and classification, they are able to sign off on the smear. If there is any concern or question, or the technologist feels that a more comprehensive interpretation should be rendered, they will send it to be reviewed by a pathologist.

Smears sent to UVMMC because of a physician order are reviewed by a pathologist and an interpretation will be provided. Clinical history and diagnostic question **MUST** be completed so that the pathologist can address the provider's question.

This workflow change aligns external smear reviews with what is currently in place at UVMMC for in-house smears.

For questions or concerns regarding these changes, please reach out to UVMMC's Medical Director of Hematology, Joanna Conant via [joanna.conant@uvmhealth.org](mailto:joanna.conant@uvmhealth.org).

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