



MEMORANDUM #61

TO: UNC Hospitals Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Department Heads, Nursing Staff and Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Laboratory Information System Downtime**

On **Sunday, June 22, 2008** the McLendon Laboratories will implement a major upgrade to the Laboratory Information System (LIS). The system will go down at 8:00 am and will be down for approximately 8 hours. During this time results will not be available in WebCIS. STAT and critical results will be called to the nursing units; routine results will be available in the laboratory. Orders can continue to be placed through CPOE or Order Entry.

In order to minimize delays, physicians are asked to limit laboratory orders to those which are essential for patient care on June 22. Results will be entered in the system as soon as possible after the system is live.

The new software is a major change in how specimens are tracked and data is entered into the LIS. This may mean that users should anticipate some delays in service on the implementation date and possibly over the following few days.

Please contact Dr. Whinna at 966-4226 or Laura McClannan at 966-8467 with questions.