

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
LABORATORY POLICY MANUAL
EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN**

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PURPOSE: To define the process to be used in the event of equipment breakdown. Tests need to be run and reported as promptly as possible using back up methods.

POLICY: For STAT primary chemistry or hematology testing, a delay of no more than one hour should occur before back up testing is functional. Technical judgment should be used in the case of critical patients who need back up testing on shorter notice. It is expected that in these cases the technologist on duty will strive to supply accurate results to the physician with minimal delay.