

## **Timely follow-up of abnormal outpatient test results: perceived barriers and impact on patient safety.**

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Physicians reported dissatisfaction with their ability to follow up on test results in a timely fashion, with resident physicians frequently reporting an inability to check test results in less than 1 week. The need for standardized methods for following up test results in ambulatory care was noted in a [prior study](#).