

**O.C.G.A. §43-34-37(a)(11.1) – Notification of Laboratory Results.**

A physician must attempt to inform a patient in a timely manner that the physician has received the patient's laboratory test results. Rule 360-3-.02(17), which addresses this issue, became effective on February 13, 2002. The rule states that it is unprofessional conduct to fail to attempt to inform a patient of the receipt of laboratory test results within 14 days of the physician receiving those results, unless the standard of care requires a more immediate notification. Dates that laboratory test results are received and attempts to contact patients shall be documented in the patient record.