

21st Century Cures Act Delayed Release of Results

Effective Date: August 15, 2021

The 21st Century Cures Act was enacted in October 2020. It mandated that all results are immediately released to patient portals.

There are certain tests that a delay can be applied to the release of the result. In order to communicate a desire to delay results when you submit an order on paper or with a script, we have put a process together so we can accommodate your request. These changes delay the results as follows:

Test	Delay Release
Qualifying Lab Tests	3 days post final resulted
Cytology	3 days post final resulted
Surgical Pathology	3 days post final resulted
Diagnostic Radiology	5 days post final resulted

The new Laboratory Results Release Delay form must be included with your initial order so that the lab can comply with your request. If you are ordering in EPIC, you have the option in Order Management to select the delay.

The Lab Results Release Delay form and the list of tests that you can delay result release can be found at www.beaumontlaboratory.com under Health Care Professions/Resources.

For more information on the 21st Century Cures act go to:
<https://providers.beaumont.org/21stCCA>

Thank you for your assistance with doing the right thing for our patients.

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Laboratory Results Release Delay

The 21st Century Cures Act requires that patients have access to a variety of health care information. The goal is to promote transparency and provide visibility into services, quality and costs of healthcare.

Delaying results release may be allowed in a very limited circumstance if the physician believes it will substantially reduce the risk of harm to the life or physical safety of the patient.

At the time of ordering these sensitive orders the lab can set the results for a delay in release for the timelines and testing listed below. This form must be accompanied by a physician order.



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If you are ordering a test that falls within the above categories and wish to delay the results, the expectation is that you have documentation to support this decision within the patient chart. To delay the indicated results release to [myBeaumontChart](#), please choose one of the exceptions below:

_____ As the physician I believe delaying the release of results will substantially reduce a risk to the life or physical safety of the patient.

_____ The patient has agreed to delay the release of the results and signed a consent as such, allowing a conversation with the physician first.

Patient Name _____ MRN _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Testing _____

Testing results to be delayed _____

Physician Name (printed)

Physician Signature

Date Submitted