

Pagana, Pagana, & Pagana Mosby's Diagnostic & Laboratory Test Reference 16th ed

Student Guide to Proper Use

- Book Indication:
 - Serves as a reference guide on diagnostic & laboratory testing
 - You will be expected to utilize this book throughout all clinical experiences
 - Interpreting patient labs and diagnostics will help to guide your nursing interventions
 - You must be the detective to find out **why** these labs & diagnostics are ordered for your patient and **why** they are abnormal

- Navigating the Book:
 - Front Cover:
 - Common reference range for healthy adults
 - Pg XI – Guide to Test Preparation & Procedures
 - Pg 989 – Index
 - This is how you will find the associated page number for your lab/diagnostic
 - Back Cover:
 - Common abbreviations

- Interpreting Tests & Diagnostics
 - Alphabetically organized
 - Gives normal findings, test explanation, interfering factors, procedure & patient care for collection, and reasons for abnormal findings
 - This is going to help you determine why your patient's lab result is abnormal
 - ***Just knowing the value is abnormal is not acceptable, you must interpret it***
 - Values:
 - **Blue** – abnormal LOW
 - **Orange** – abnormal HIGH
 - **Red** – CRITICAL HIGH
 - Requires prompt intervention