
Publications

Interpretive Handbook

The *Interpretive Handbook* is a compendium of tests offered by Mayo Medical Laboratories. It focuses on clinical information and test interpretation to enhance the understanding of the tests and their use and to assist with ordering tests and interpreting results. The handbook provides concise descriptions, outlined under subheadings for quick retrieval. The subheadings include:

- Clinical Information: Discusses the physiology, pathophysiology, and relevant clinical situations
- Useful For: Suggests clinical disorders or settings where the test may be helpful
- Interpretation: Assists in interpreting the results
- Cautions: Indicates potential problems with interpretation or conditions where the assay is frequently ordered but is not helpful
- Clinical Reference: Provides recommendations for further in-depth reading of a clinical nature
- Reference Values: Lists the range of results typically seen in healthy individuals
- Method Description: Describes how the test is performed and provides a method reference

The handbook is produced through collaboration with the pathologists, laboratory scientists, and clinicians of Mayo Clinic. As a supplement to our service, the Mayo Medical Laboratories *Interpretive Handbook* is available by request.