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Interpreting the lab reports in modern era of automation: Pearls & pitfalls

Automation is a welcome change, but at many a times has its own limitations. It may even lead to errors in the laboratory results. Laboratory mistakes are not defined as diagnostic errors, but they contribute significantly to the thousands of medical errors that occur every year. Test results are reliable only if comorbidities, pre- and post-test probabilities, and clinical context are carefully considered. Few examples of the common laboratory tests that may give erroneous results especially in associated conditions or when other medical entities affecting the test results would be discussed.

Biography

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