



Laboratory Report February 2026

Workforce Wellness

The Laboratory is fully staffed for the first time in over five years; there are no vacant FTEs.

Our Laboratory Technician completed her online program and passed her national ASCP certification. She is now a 4-year Medical Laboratory Scientist. We are currently training a new uncertified tech. She is making very good progress, but it will be a few months before she is able to perform patient testing.

Community Engagement

Health Fair blood draws are taking place February 17-19, February 24-26, and March 3-5 in the Dorothy Ingle Conference Room. A huge thank you to our volunteer phlebotomists! We are very thankful for you!

**HEALTH FAIR
BLOOD DRAWS**

Week 1: Feb 17-19
Week 2: Feb 24-26
Week 3: March 3-5

Schedule at www.pmcak.org

Community Health Fair
"THRIVING at Every Age & Stage"
Saturday, March 14th
Full Schedule:
pmcak.org/health-fair

For assistance scheduling:
✉ healthfair@pmcak.org
☎ 907-772-5552

Patient Centered Care

The lab's CLIA survey took place November 18-19, 2025. Two surveyors spent two full days reviewing all the lab's documentation, proficiency testing, instrument validations, and interviewing staff.

There were two deficiencies that were corrected on site during the survey, and neither of which impacted patient safety. Our surveyors were very impressed with the size and offerings of our test menu and stated not many crucial access hospital labs our size offer such a broad test menu. They were also impressed with the stability and teamwork of our staff and how well they have been trained.

Facility

Our current chemistry instrument is aging out and the operating system can no longer be updated. Additionally, it is difficult to bring in new chemistry tests since our current instrument is at capacity for onboard reagents. We are in the final stages of negotiations to purchase a new chemistry analyzer that will allow us to expand our in-house test menu to include Vitamin D, as well as various hormones (ex. Testosterone, LH, and FSH). We hope to have it here before the end of the year.

Financial Wellness

Lab and Ancillary registration continue to optimize the prior authorization process, so prior authorizations don't become a barrier to our patients receiving care.

HIM and Lab continue to meet and review coding queries to prevent claim denials by insurance companies. The discussions continue to be extremely educational for both departments, and we hope it will allow us to stay a step ahead of changes that affect reimbursement, keeping out of pocket expenses for our patients as low as possible.

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