

## Provider Notification Template

**Subject:** *Perimortem Genetic Testing Policy notification*

*Dear Colleagues,*

*We respectfully request that you share the below information with your respective teams.*

*Situation: Genetic testing immediately before or after patient death requires consideration of unique issues that have caused confusion amongst Seattle Children's providers.*

*Background: The Seattle Children's Hospital Laboratory Stewardship Committee approved a Perimortem Policy addendum to the Lab Test Stewardship Policy in summer 2017.*

*Assessment: The Perimortem Policy provides consistent and fair process for genetic testing of patients in the perimortem period (immediately prior to or after death).*

*Recommendation: Educate medical teams to be aware of Policy prior to discussions with families regarding genetic testing options to avoid compliance issues and avoidable stress for families.*

*You may choose to use the attached slide deck for this communication. It includes a flow sheet for inpatient genetic test coordination because that is the primary setting in which perimortem genetic testing is considered.*

*We are also very glad to answer any questions or give a short presentation to your team upon request.*

*With best regards,*

*The Laboratory Test Stewardship Program*