

I AM PATIENT SAFETY



Tom Miller, MLT, ASCP, Medical Laboratory Technician

EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER MONTGOMERY

Recognized for his dedication to patient safety by the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority

Tom Miller is committed to patient safety. As a medical laboratory technician at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery, he discovered why blood draws resulted at the bedside of premature infants often show different results for glucose levels than specimens that were resulted in the lab. Tom spent many hours investigating the issue when neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) staff noticed that the blood results for infants were markedly different for glucose when resulted at the bedside, than when resulted in the laboratory. He found that since an infant's red blood cells are more active metabolically, they consume more glucose compared to the same red blood cells in adults. This difference means that an infant's glucose level will be higher when resulted at the bedside as compared to when resulted in a laboratory. Because of Tom's persistence, infants in the NICU are safer and are spared from unnecessary blood draws.

Join the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority in congratulating Tom Miller for making patient safety at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery a priority.

