

CalREDIE HL7 Message Requirements Overview

Please refer to the CalREDIE ELR2PH Companion Guide for full specifications.

Required Segments

The following segments are required in HL7 messages sent to CalREDIE:

- MSH – Message Header
- SFT – Software
- PID – Patient Identification
- ORC – Order Control
- OBR – Observation Request
- OBX – Observation Result
- SPM – Specimen

NTE – Notes are optional segments and can be used for AOE questions. We prefer NTEs be sent after the OBX segment(s).

Fields of Special Notice

Please ensure the following fields are populated:

- PID-10** Patient Race*; prefer actual code, but if unknown use “U” in 10.1
- PID-11 & 13** Patient Address and Phone Number
- PID-22** Patient Ethnicity*; prefer actual code, but if unknown, use “U” in 22.1
- ORC-22 & 23** Ordering Facility Address and Phone Number (generally should be in CA)
- ORC-24** Ordering/Referring Provider
- OBR-13** Address Pregnancy status
- OBR-16 & 17** Ordering Provider NPI, Name and Phone Number
- OBR-22** Test Reported Date and Time
- OBX-3.1** LOINC
- OBX-8** Abnormal Flag; use N^Normal or A^Abnormal based on result outcome Test
- OBX-17** Device (if over 20 characters, use OBX-17.2)
- OBX-19** Test Resulted Date and Time
- SPM2.2.1** Accession Number
- SPM-4** Specimen Type or Material SNOMED code and text description Specimen
- SPM-17** Collected Date and Time
- SPM-18** Specimen Received Date and Time

Additional Considerations:

- When testing, avoid using patients with a Los Angeles or San Diego County residence address as these do not route to the CalREDIE system.
- It’s helpful to send messages on new patients instead of using the same patient over and over.
- Use a new accession number for each test message, otherwise the message may be treated as a duplicate and will not be processed.
- Send in a variety of test types to match the tests your location will be performing.
- Send in a variety of result outcomes (positive, negative, range of values, etc.) to match the outcomes your location will be reporting.

*Laboratories must report data on patients’ race and ethnicity for all test results.