

DEPARTMENT NAME

Toxicology

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:	Monday-Friday: 0600-2330 Saturday-Sunday: 0600-1430
Location:	Room AL-126, CHS
Phone:	General/Technical information: (310) 206-8874 Results/Reports: (310) 267-8100
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Key Personnel:	Laboratory Manager: Diana Crary, CLS (310) 267-8120

SPECIMEN DELIVERY

Outpatient specimens should be delivered to Support Services in 200 Medical Plaza, Suite 145. Inpatient specimens should be delivered to the Core Laboratory via pneumatic tubes located throughout the Medical Center (RRUCLA). Specimens referred from outside clinics or institutions should be sent to the following address:

RRUCLA Medical Center, Westwood

Clinical Laboratory, Specimen Processing

200 Medical Plaza, Suite 145

Los Angeles, CA 90095-1713

TEST AVAILABILITY

Stat testing is available 24 hours, 7 days/week for drugs of abuse screens and therapeutic drug monitoring. Routine immunosuppressive drug testing is available as indicated in the Alphabetical Listing of Tests. Testing outside the available hours requires Laboratory Director approval. Contact the Laboratory.

TESTING

The Clinical Toxicology Laboratory section of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine provides comprehensive testing for a broad range of therapeutic drugs including several immunosuppressive agents. In addition, the laboratory provides screening tests for many drugs of abuse. Vitamin A and E testing is also performed in toxicology by high performance liquid chromatography. The following categories of toxicologic testing is available:

- Quantitative therapeutic drug monitoring performed in Core Laboratory
- Qualitative drugs of abuse screens performed in Core Laboratory (see below)
- Emergency toxicology performed in Core Laboratory
- Immunosuppressant drug testing (cyclosporine A, tacrolimus, sirolimus, everolimus)
- Hemoglobin A1C
- Sweat chloride testing
- Cryocrit

Drugs of abuse screens are reported as positive or negative. Confirmation testing is **not** available in-house. All drugs of abuse screens are performed on urine. Screening is available for amphetamines/methamphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, cocaine, ethanol, fentanyl, hydrocodone, methadone, opiates, oxycodone, and PCP.