

laboratory test ordering and registration

ordering

- The lab must have an order for a test to be performed
- The order must include provider signature, patient name, DOB, gender and ICD-10; include source as appropriate
- Orders must be placed and released/signed before collection (laboratory cannot see order until released)
- Verbal orders <u>must</u> be followed up with a provider signature
- Please contact the lab for add-on test requests; should be kept to a minimum – provider should order vs. adding

ordering

• Nurse to Collect vs. Lab to Collect

- Lab does not see tests that are ordered as Nurse to Collect
- Must change test from Nurse to Collect to Lab to Collect for the lab to know to collect the sample
- Lab cannot collect from lines; these tests must be entered as Nurse to Collect



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PREFERRED VS MINIMUM BLOOD COLLECTION VOLUMES

- The **preferred volume** optimizes testing and allows the laboratory to quickly process the specimen, perform the test, and repeat testing, if necessary. If possible, please submit the preferred volume.
- The minimum volume is the amount required to perform an assay once and does not allow for repeat testing. Minimum volumes may be necessary when venipuncture is technically difficult or the patient is at risk of complications from blood loss.

TEST MENU CHANGES (previous month)

TEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

07/10/25: Erythrocyte sedimentation rates (ESR) will NOT be performed in-house until further notice.

03/05/25: New Acceptable Anaerobe Swab.

Existing Swab (DISCONTINUED): BD BBL Vacutainer Anaerobic Specimen Collector





