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Laboratory Services

**Specimen Collection Manual**

**Priority Policy**

**I. PURPOSE :**

To insure that all specimens are collected and processed in accordance with the patient's therapy and condition.

**II. PROCEDURE:**

1. STAT: Response time should be no more than ten (10) minutes.
2. ASAP: Response time should be no more than one (1) hour.
3. TIMED: Peak medication levels should be drawn within five (5) minutes of the time the level is ordered. All other timed specimens should be drawn within fifteen (15) minutes of the time ordered.
4. ROUTINE: Specimens are coordinated to accommodate STAT's, ASAP's and TIMED orders.



5. ER ASAP: Treated in the same manner as STAT's.
6. TRAUMA AND CODE: Immediate response.