



## Inpatient Phlebotomy Services

Day Phlebotomy Service: 4am – 1pm

Evening Phlebotomy Service: 1pm - 10pm

Late Night Phlebotomy Service: 10pm - 4am 11pm - 4am Timed Collection Only  
(*Note: Routine blood draws will be collected with any timed collections.*) If no timed eligible tests are ordered then the routine will be drawn during morning rounds.

EKG Service: 2pm - 6am

### Unit Specific Service Times:

- Birthing Center: Routine labs for newborns are done from 6-10am and from 6pm -9:30pm. This gives the newborns some uninterrupted time to bond with their families.
- Psychiatry Units: Routines are done once a day from 7am - 11am for orders placed by 7am. The lab will not return for routine draws after this time, unless the patient is being discharged or the medical condition has changed.
- Peds and PICU: Routine blood draw service starts between 7:30am - 8am to allow the children to rest.

### Lab Collection Report:

The report is “real time” and only lists the patients that are designated as “Lab Collect” or “Unit collect except for \_\_\_\_”

- STAT tests are nurse collect and will not be present on the report. (If collecting STAT tests, please check for routine collections due around the same time to avoid repeat venipunctures)
- UNIT Collect tests are nurse collect and will not be present on the report.
- UNIT Collect Except for... (blood culture/coag) will not be present on the report unless a blood culture or coagulation test is ordered.
- If the designated collector field in the flowsheet is blank, the tests will not be on the Lab Collect Report; these tests by default become nurse collect.

If a patient is changed from a Unit Collect to a Lab Collect, a courtesy call to the laboratory at 3-3001 is appreciated.



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### STAT or Unit (Nurse) Collect:

Please be sure to use the Bridge system when collecting any specimens. The system is designed to decrease misidentified patients and specimens.

If you do not use Bridge, there is a real risk for delays in testing as each specimen container has to be re-labeled with a laboratory label in order for testing to be performed. Anytime specimens are re-labeled there is a risk of misidentification.

Tests will remain in Bridge until the testing is complete if not marked collected in Bridge; this results in confusion and the possibility of a patient being drawn a second time unnecessarily.

### Troponin I (Tropi):

The first troponin of the series or the first troponin due upon admission is the responsibility of the RN to collect due to the short notice of the collection.

Do not call the lab for past, overdue troponin tests.

Do not reschedule occurrences. *With the onset of symptoms, the troponin enzyme is released at a known rate. If the collection cannot be done within a half hour of the expected collection time, that occurrence is to be skipped and remaining occurrences must be drawn as originally scheduled. Rescheduling collections is not appropriate.*

Additional information on ordering and timed eligible labs can be found in the Test Directory under Resources - [Epic Ordering: Inpatient Lab Tests](#)