

## Routine/Scheduled Collection

*drawn by phlebotomist*

- AM draw - drawn 4am-10am
- Discharge labs - drawn by 8am
- Recurring labs (q4h, q6h etc)
- Scheduled labs (@1800, etc)

time: ± 2 hours

**Not drawn between 11pm - 4am**

## STAT Collection

*drawn by nurse*

- Emergent blood draws
- time: within 15-30 minutes

**Must notify nurse**

**Not drawn by phlebotomist**

## Timed Collection

*drawn by phlebotomist*

- Precisely timed labs
- time: ± 20 minutes

Only for eligible tests (flip for list)

**If ineligible for timed collection, it is collected as routine**

New order:  Search

Order mode: Standard New order defaults Not using defaults

Procedures (1 Order)

**HEMOGLOBIN** Routine, Lab Collect, ONCE First occurrence Today at 0945

Reference Links: 1. Lab Info Handbook 2. When to order Timed/STAT/Routine Labs

Priority: Routine STAT Timed

Frequency: ONCE Once am draw

Starting: 5/31/2012 Today Tomorrow At: 0945

First Occurrence: Today 0945

Scheduled Times: Hide Schedule

5/31/12 0945

Class: Lab Collect Unit Collect Add On Lab

Comments (F6): [Click to add text](#)

Additional Order Details

Accept Cancel Link Order Remove

If within 2 hours of a timed draw, call to notify lab @ 33001. Need it now? It's a stat so ask a nurse to draw.

Save our patients a blood draw. If a tube of blood is already in lab, use an "Add On" lab when you can.

## To order most labs:

Priority = Routine

Frequency = Once

## To order AM labs:

Priority = Routine

Frequency = am draw

## Recurring labs (q4h, q6h, etc):

Priority = Routine

Frequency = (q4h, q6h, etc)

## Inpatient Lab Ordering Basics

**Timed – drawn by phlebotomist, if order placed at least 2 hours before time of collection:**

- TIMED eligible tests are listed below. **If a test is not timed eligible the order will be collected as routine.**

APTT	Cortisol	Hemoglobin	Newborn Metabolic Screen	Tacrolimus
Acetaminophen	Cyclosporine	Lactate for Sepsis protocol	Potassium	Tobramycin
Anti Xa	Digoxin	Lithium	PT/INR	Troponin
Blood Morphology	Free Dilantin	Magnesium	Salicylate	Valproate
Carbamazepine	Gentamycin	Newborn Bilirubin	Sodium	Vancomycin

### **Add-on Tests:**

- Use this feature only when a tube is already in the lab. Add on tube type info at [Common Tube Types](#)
- If a suitable tube is not available, lab will notify you of need to place a new order.

### **Remember to use the Rounding navigator to avoid duplicate lab orders:**

- Review existing lab orders before placing new orders; other providers may have ordered similar/duplicate labs on your patient already
- The Rounding Navigator can be used to Modify existing orders (by Cancel and Reordering)

### **Draw times for specific patient populations:**

- Birthing center babies – Routine draws from 6-10am and 6-9:30pm
- Inpatient psychiatry – Routine draws from 7-11am daily (orders must be placed by 7am)

### **Missing results:**

- Cancelled? It may have been modified, so canceled and reordered, by you, another provider, or a nurse. It may also have been combined (e.g. Potassium and BMP), automatically canceled as a duplicate order, or cancelled as an irretrievable specimen that can no longer be collected (i.e. 30 min post stimulation draw). Check in Chart Review and Rounding Navigator.
- Lab test has not been drawn at the appropriate time? Check with nurse, using “*Doc Flowsheet*” in Epic, to see if the patient is a nurse collect. Check “*Progress Notes*” for “blood drawer” notes for other reasons of delayed or missed draws (e.g. patient not in room at collection time).

### **Three key reminders to save you time and frustration:**

1. *STAT labs are drawn by a nurse not a phlebotomist, so remember to tell nurse about your STAT collection*
2. *Save your patient extra needle sticks by using an Add On lab whenever possible*
3. *Hospital guidelines regarding duplicate orders may result in a cancelation, so avoid placing duplicate orders*