

LAB COLLECTION PRIORITIES

ALL NURSING & PRESCRIBERS

A guide for selecting the appropriate collection priority when ordering '**Lab Collect**' blood draws to ensure timely receipt by lab for processing.

Priority: URGENT – for situations where the lab draw is needed to be collected before the next standard collection time.

Example: Lab draw of creatinine is needed before the IV administration of vancomycin.

Details for Creatinine

Details | Order Comments | Diagnoses

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*Specimen Type: Blood

Frequency: once

Duration unit:

Nurse collect: ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Collection Priority: Urgent

Duration:

*Collection Date/Time: 24/Apr/2025 1129 EDT

Order for future visit: ☐ Yes ☒ No

For most orders, the priority is set to **Routine** as a default and will need to be changed.

Priority: ROUTINE – for standard and non-urgent lab collections. Routine orders are set to be collected by the lab on the next standard collection run, and are only visible to the lab 10mins prior to the next standard collection time.

Example: Daily CBC's, SEP's, etc...

Details for Complete Blood Count (CBC)

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*Specimen Type: Blood

Frequency: daily

Duration unit:

Nurse collect: ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Collection Priority: Routine

Duration:

*Collection Date/Time: 24/Apr/2025 1440

Order for future visit: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Priority: AM-DRAW – for inpatients only; labs are to be collected at the first standard collection time in the morning.

Example: Morning cortisol draws.

Details for **Cortisol AM**

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*Specimen Type: Blood

Frequency: once

Duration unit:

Nurse collect: ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Collection Priority: AM Draw (Inpatient Only)

Duration:

*Collection Date/Time: 25/Apr/2025 0400 EDT

Order for future visit: ☐ Yes ☒ No

After selecting **AM Draw**, the **Collection Date/Time** will automatically populate to the next morning collection time.

Priority: STAT – for immediate situations ONLY.

Example: Patient is coding and you are ordering the *Code Blue Lab Panel*.

Code Blue Lab Panel Subphase (Initiated Pending)			
Laboratory			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Blood Count	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrolytes (Na,K,Cl)	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creatinine	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blood Urea Nitrogen	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calcium	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albumin Level	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnesium	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus	Blood, Stat, once, T;N	

In this order set, the priority is automatically set to STAT and does not need to be changed.

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Priority: ADD-ON – for adding extra lab test(s) to a pre-existing order or specimen.

Example: Adding a lactate test to a previously ordered venous blood gas.

▼ Details for **Lactate (Lactic Acid)**

Details Order Comments Diagnoses

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*Specimen Type: Blood

Frequency: once

Duration unit:

Nurse collect: ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Collection Priority: Add On

Duration:

*Collection Date/Time: 24/Apr/2025 1457

Order for future visit: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Priority: TIMED-STUDY – for lab draws in which measurements of the specimen are required at specific/multiple intervals.

Example: Measuring ACTH levels q1 hour for a duration of 4 hours.

▼ Details for **Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH)**

Details Order Comments Diagnoses

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*Specimen Type: Blood

Frequency: q60min

Duration unit: hour(s)

Nurse collect: ☐ Yes ☒ No

*Collection Priority: Timed Study

Duration: 4

*Collection Date/Time: 24/Apr/2025 1500

Order for future visit: ☐ Yes ☒ No

For time-studies, the *frequency*, *duration* and *duration unit* must be included.