

Lab Services

Collection And Turnaround Time Expectations

Designation	Collection Time Time interval between order request and receipt of the specimen in the Lab.	Turnaround Time Time interval between specimen receipt in the Lab and results reporting.
Medical Emergency (Life & Death)	The lab assistant will respond immediately. Specimens will be collected and received in the lab within 15 minutes.	Chemistry Profile: 45 minutes Blood Gas: 15 minutes Type and Screen: 60 minutes CBC: 30 minutes Testing supercedes all other requests. When several tests are received at the same time and designated Medical Emergency, they will be performed in the order received.
ASAP (Includes STAT and NOW requests)	Specimens will be collected and received in the lab within 15 minutes.	Testing will be performed as soon as possible. Only Medical Emergency requests will take precedence.
Timed Draw	Samples will be collected within 30 minutes of designated time with the exception of peak & trough therapeutic drug levels, PTT for sheath pull, time- specified blood cultures and research studies, which will be collected within 5 minutes of the designated time. Specimens should arrive in the lab within 15 minutes of collection.	All testing will be performed within routine turn around time expectations.
Routine	0400 early AM (all units) sweep: All ASAP, timed, & routine samples are collected and sent to lab as each unit is completed (approximately 30-45 min). Entire AM collection should be completed by 0730, excluding SNF and Psychiatric units. After primary AM sweep, samples will be collected by the next available lab tech. Specimens should arrive in the lab within 15 minutes of collection.	On site testing will be completed within 2 hours.