



Providence Health Care Laboratory Priorities

When ordering laboratory tests in Cerner, these definitions may be useful

Please note that priorities are **collection priorities**. The time to report a result once the sample is received in the lab will vary based on the test ordered and is **not affected by the priority**.

Laboratory Order Priorities		
COLLECTION PRIORITY	NOTES	TARGET RESPONSE TIME
STAT	For emergency or critical situations only. If appropriate staff available at bedside, consider ordering as UNIT COLLECT for fastest collection.	Collected ASAP and within 15 minutes of order
URGENT	High priority. Default for Emergency Department (non-admitted patients). For inpatient collections which cannot wait for next routine rounds.	Collected within 60 minutes of order
TIMED	For <i>time critical</i> tests such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troponin • Drug Trough/Peak Levels Ensure the date/time on order entry is the time <i>at which the sample should be collected</i> . Orders must be placed at least 1 hour prior to desired collection time (otherwise use STAT priority).	Collected within 15 minutes of requested collection time
AMDRAW	For collection on first morning round of the <i>next calendar day</i> . Must be placed prior to midnight to make the next morning collection. Defaulted to 03:30 request time.	Collected on first routine round of the next day
ROUTINE	Default for most inpatient areas. To be collected with the routine collection round closest to the requested time. See below for rounding times . <i>The order must be placed prior to the cut off time to make that round</i> . Ex. Orders placed after the 09:10 cut off will miss the 09:30 round and be collected on the noon round.	Collected on the routine round closest to the requested time.

Routine Laboratory Collection Rounds

Hospital Site	Routine Round Times	Cut-off Time
SPH	07:00	05:40
	09:30	09:10
	12:00	11:40
	16:00	15:40
	20:00	19:40
MSJ	05:00	04:00
	09:30	09:10
	13:30	13:10

Note: Rounds may take several hours to complete, based on order volumes