

LABORATORY ORDERING PRIORITIES

- *Collection and Resulting priorities should be the same to avoid issues with generating the order accurately*
 - *Verify you are ordering on the **correct** patient encounter*

PRIORITIES		DESCRIPTION	SPECIAL NOTES
STAT	ST	Immediate collection	Used for life-threatening situations
Emergency Department STAT	ES	Immediate collection	Turn-around time based on <i>receipt</i> into the laboratory Resulted within 30-40 minutes depending on the test monitored for turn-around time.
TIMED STUDIES	TS	Orders that need to be collected at a specified time See below for <i>Frequency Orders</i>	Used when testing needs to be collected at specific times [Drug Levels, Peaks/Troughs, K levels, HCT]
ROUTINE	RT	Routine orders are generated throughout the day through Collection Lists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine draws will be collected throughout the day • Orders will be combined with ST or TS whenever possible to minimize draws • No Routine order collections after the last run at 1900 until first morning run (AM Collection) unless collected with a ST or TS
ROUTINE AM Collections	AMRT	AM routine order defaults to 0400 daily collection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALWAYS enter the time of collection as 0400 • Changes in the time of collection will delay the order generating correctly • Next day AM orders should be placed by 2359




FREQUENCIES

INTERVAL	TS	Used with TS collection priority	Hourly Interval format presents with the following format QXH where X is a numeric value
DAILY	AM ROUTINE	Used with AM Routine	Scoped to default to 0400 for all lab orders QX where 'X' represents a day of the week or commonly denoted as <i>DAILY</i>



OTHER COMMON LABORATORY ORDERS

TEST	ORDER	DESCRIPTION
ADD-ON	Laboratory Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for Add on requests to specimens in the laboratory • Order separate Laboratory Communication for each order to be added on.
CANCEL	Laboratory Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use when necessary to cancel an ordered test • Order separate Laboratory Communication for each order to be canceled.
OTHER COMMUNICATION	Laboratory Communication	<p>Add additional information regarding tests that have already been ordered and/or in the Laboratory</p> <p><i>Example:</i> Instructions to the laboratory regarding the specimen in lab.</p>
ESOTERIC	Esoteric Testing, ESOT, or PESOT	Used when test requested is <i>NOT</i> listed in Power Orders.
HIV SOURCE	Sonora Quest Laboratory Requisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain from House Supervisor • Complete and submit specimens or request collection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consent is obtained by nursing and maintained in EMR • Contact Occupational Health to add on additional testing or sources. • Collect specimens from mother for infants under 6 months old.

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TEST	ORDER	DESCRIPTION
DOWNTIME	Downtime Requisition (FORM)	Only used during scheduled or unscheduled Cerner Millennium Downtime for Stat and Timed Studies
CYTOLOGY	Cytology Order or PCYTO	Order Cytology as a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of a Careset: Included in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bronchoscopy ○ Spinal Fluid ○ Body Fluid ○ Peritoneal ○ Pleural ○ Body Fluid Generic
BODY FLUIDS	<i>Available as general order and specific source is collected, or as a specific source.</i>  Body Fluid [cs] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Select the specific source  PLEURAL FL, [cs]	Select all tests requested.
SPINAL FLUIDS	 Spinal Fluid Order, [cs] <i>Laboratory Communication for Custom Order only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard protocol – includes specified tests to specified Tube # • Bloody Tap – Custom spinal fluid order for less than 3 tubes or different order of testing • Custom Order – Enter orders into the Order Comment Tab

OTHER COMMON LABORATORY ORDERS

TEST	ORDER	DESCRIPTION
SURGICAL PATHOLOGY	<i>Refer to Power Order mPage</i>  <i>pathway</i>	Cerner Power Orders>> Home mPage Organizer>>Tip Sheets >>Lab> >Lab Pathology Tissue Orders
MICROBIOLOGY	<i>Refer to Microbiology</i> <i>Hyperlinks</i> 	Microbiology\NEW C-Diff Tip Sheet.docx Microbiology\Ordering Blood Cultures.docx Microbiology\Ordering Microbiology Specimens.pptx Microbiology\Surgical Specimens for Microbiology.ppt Microbiology\Syphilis Screen Reflex Algorithm.docx