

## Laboratory Ordering Priorities

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- 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
<b>STAT</b>	<b>ST</b>	Immediate collection	Used for life-threatening situations
<b>Emergency Department STAT</b>	<b>ES</b>	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.
<b>TIMED STUDIES</b>	<b>TS</b>	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]
<b>ROUTINE</b>	<b>RT</b>	Routine orders are generated throughout the day through Collection Lists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine draws will be collected throughout the day</li> <li>• Orders will be combined with ST or TS whenever possible to minimize draws</li> <li>• No Routine order collections after the last run at 1900 until first morning run (AM Collection) unless collected with a ST or TS</li> </ul>
<b>ROUTINE AM Collections</b>	<b>AM/RT</b>	AM routine order defaults to 0400 daily collection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALWAYS enter the time of collection as 0400</li> <li>• Changes in the time of collection will delay the order generating correctly</li> <li>• Next day AM orders should be placed by 2359</li> </ul>

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FREQUENCIES			
<b>INTERVAL</b>	<b>TS</b>	Used with TS collection priority	Hourly Interval format presents with the following format QXH where X is a numeric value
<b>DAILY</b>	<b>AM ROUTINE</b>	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>