



Laboratory Testing Turn-Around Times



Laboratory testing can be ordered in Epic with different priorities:

These expectation of the turn-around times (time to when testing results should be available) as measured from the time the sample is received by the laboratory are:

CODE & STAT*	60 minutes from receipt (chemistry/hematology/blood bank) 2 hours from receipt (non-culture microbiology)
Prior to discharge*	2 hours from receipt of specimen
Normal	4 hours from receipt of specimen

***See attached guidance for exceptions, specific tests, and details**

Not all laboratory testing is available at the rapidity of CODE, STAT, or Prior to discharge priorities. The laboratory testing orders in Epic will be updated so that only the orders for those tests which are available at these faster priorities will have the option to select these priorities.

In order to improve coordination between the clinical team and the laboratory, a guidance document has been created outlining the expectations for each of these categories.

As is currently the case, the clinical team should contact the laboratory for any laboratory testing result needed on more urgent timeframe than usual.