As we prepare to transition from paper lab requisitions to computerized physician order entry (CPOE) at CST Cerner go-live, please keep the following information in mind:

- Priorities that are specified for lab orders are sample *collection priorities*.
- Turn around time for the test result once a sample is received in the lab varies based on test and is **not affected by the priority** specified at order entry.

Laboratory Order Priorities		
Collection Priority	**Important Info**	**Target Time**
STAT	For emergency or critical situations only. If possible, consider ordering as UNIT COLLECT if bedside staff are able to collect.	Collected ASAP, likely within **15 minutes** of order receipt
URGENT	Default priority for ED patients. Use for inpatients when a collection cannot wait for the next routine rounds time.	Collected within **60 minutes** of order receipt.
TIMED	Use for test where blood collection time is critical, such as: • Drug trough/peak levels • When serial results of the same test are needed to be placed at the same time Ensure the date/time specified at order entry is the time *at which the sample should be collected.* **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	Request time is defaulted to 03:30 in the system (do not change), but will be collected on AM rounds. **Order must be placed prior to midnight**. Can only be used in *inpatient* locations where lab provides regular rounds.	Collected on **first routine round** of the **next day**.
ROUTINE	Default priority for most *inpatient* areas. Order must be placed prior to cut off time to make that round. Can only be used in locations where lab provides regular rounds. See below for rounds and order cut off times.	Collected on the **routine round** closest to the requested time.

Rounds may take several hours to complete depending on staffing and order volumes

Routine Laboratory Collection Rounds		
Location	**Orders must be placed by:**	**Rounds Time Start**
BCW Postpartum and Cedar/Birthing	0600	0630
	0930	1000
	1230	1300
	1530	1600
	1830	1900
NICU	0530	0630
BCH TACC Inpatients	0600	0700
	1200	1300
BCH Healthy Minds	0600	0700

Please note:

- There are no routine rounds at SunnyHill, BCH:PAC, BCW:UCC, LDPAC, PACU, T2F and most C&W clinics
- Lab does not provide blood collection services for adults at BCW between the hours of 2300 and 0630
- For inpatient blood collections outside of rounds times, or in inpatient areas that lab does not round, place orders using collection priority URGENT
- For outpatients, use collection priority FUTURE ORDER, give patient Cerner requisition to bring with them to the blood collection lab