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Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Communiqué



Laboratory Services Holiday Hours

Location	Thanksgiving Day 11/28/2024	Christmas Eve 12/24/2024	Christmas Day 12/25/2024	New Year's Eve 12/31/2024	New Year's Day 1/1/2025
Main Campus ACC Burlington	Closed	Closing at	Closed	Open	Closed
Fanny Allen Campus MOB Colchester	Closed	Closing at	Closed	Open	Closed
UHC Campus 1 South Prospect Burlington	Closed	Closing at 1 pm	Closed	Open	Closed

Any day not listed here are regularly scheduled hours. Patients are seen in the order in which they arrive at ACC and UHC, unless they need immediate testing, timed tests, or have special needs. Some testing must be scheduled in advance or have other special considerations.

Appointments are required at the Fanny Allen Campus MOB. Please Call 847-8864 to schedule your appointment.

Lab Operations

Special Test Considerations

It is important to make your patients aware that some laboratory tests have special considerations associated with them. These can include timed collections, the need for scheduling in advance, or must be collected at a specific Blood Draw Lab Site. When a patient arrives at a site that cannot draw the ordered test due to a special test consideration, they must be turned away. Please refer to this list [Special Test Considerations](#) when advising patients as to how and when to have their specimen collected.

Here is a list of a few of the most frequently ordered tests with Special Test Considerations:

Orderable	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID	Mayo Test ID	Special Test Consideration
Heparin Level - UFH	LAB317	HEPUFH	FAH5381	N/A	Must be collected at the ACC, Main Campus.
QuantiFERON TB Gold Plus	LAB3051	QFTB4	FAH5825	N/A	Special Collection and processing. Must be collected Monday-Friday, 8 am—5 pm. Cannot be collected on a holiday or the day before a holiday.
ACTH, Plasma	LAB2403	ACTHN	N/A	ACTH	Must be collected at the ACC, Main Campus.

Blood Bank

The blood bank is now stocking **liquid plasma** in addition to thawed plasma in the UVMMC ED fridge. Liquid plasma is plasma that has **never been frozen and has a much longer shelf life** (26 days) than traditional frozen plasma (five days after thawing). We are adding liquid plasma to our inventory to help **reduce plasma wastage and improve costs**.

Liquid plasma is **only indicated for initial resuscitation** of patients with trauma or massive hemorrhage. Patients who require multiple rounds of a massive transfusion protocol (MTP) will receive thawed plasma with subsequent rounds.

Compliance

MEDICARE PRE AND POST PAYMENT PROBES:

Patient medical record documentation must support medical necessity for Medicare to cover services. The laboratory is your patient care partner and wants to provide accurate supporting documentation when submitting claims.

How Physicians Can Help

UVM Health Network Laboratory may request additional diagnosis and medical information from your office to document the billed services are reasonable and necessary.

Examples of appropriate documentation includes:

- A signed office note from a visit where the practitioner ordered a diagnostic or other service.
- For incident to services, a care plan written by the supervising physician or nonphysician practitioner.
- Lab orders for recurring tests to meet the specific needs of an individual patient.
- Documentation regarding the date of the service(s) and/or any prior progress notes.

Related Content

- MLN® Fact Sheet: [Complying with Medical Record Documentation Requirements](#)
- MLN® Fact Sheet: [Collaborative Patient Care is a Provider Partnership](#)
- [Additional Development Requests](#)
- For more information about the authorization for the disclosure of this information, refer to the [Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR §424.5\(a\) \(6\)](#).

New Test Updates

AFB Testing to Resume for Vermont Practitioners

Effective 11/15/24, AFB testing at UVM Medical Center will resume for Vermont practitioners. We ask that NYS continue to forward this testing to Mayo Clinic Laboratories for now.

Orderables to be Reactivated for VT	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
AFB Culture/Smear, Other	LAB2513	TCS	FAH5913
AFB Culture, Blood	LAB246	BTC	FAH5267
AFB Culture, CF Patients Only	LAB17619	LAB17619	FAH6128

Mayo Tests to be Discontinued for VT	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Test ID
Mycobacterial Culture and Nocardia Culture, V.	LAB15760	LAB15760	CTB
Acid Fast Smear for Mycobacterium, Varies	LAB16528	LAB16528	SAFB
Mycobacterial Culture, Blood	LAB3696	TBCXB	CTBBL

For questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact UVM Medical Center Lab Customer Service at 802-847-5121 and ask to speak with Microbiology.

LABORATORY PATIENT SERVICE CENTER



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Main Pavilion, Level 2
111 Colchester Avenue
Burlington, VT

One South Prospect
1 South Prospect St
First Floor Lobby
Burlington, VT

Fanny Allen Campus
792 College Parkway
Colchester, VT

Visit UVMHealth.org/MedCenterDrawSites for patient service center hours and special test considerations.

All UVM Medical Center phlebotomists are nationally certified.

Previously Distributed Test Updates

Please click on the links below to view the corresponding Test Updates.

The links can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/UVMMC-Test-Updates>.

[Newly Defined Mayo Tests](#) - Effective 10/9/2024

[Nephrology Profile Update](#) - Effective 10/9/2024

[Enterovirus, Molecular Detection, PCR, CSF](#) - Effective 9/25/2024

[Gabapentinoid Confirmation Panel](#) - Effective 9/23/2024

[Testosterone Testing to ARUP](#) - Effective 9/18/2024

[Ganglioside Antibodies Evaluation, Serum Update](#) - Effective 9/12/2024

[Protein C Activity and Protein S Activity Updates](#) - Effective 7/29/2024

TEST CATALOG

To view a complete listing of tests available at the University of Vermont Medical Center, please visit UVMHealth.org/

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Syringe Disposal

The University of Vermont Medical Center does not accept sharps for disposal from patients. Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) will accept needles that are packaged according to the instructions outlined in their pamphlet "GET THE POINT: Be safe with syringes and other sharps". CSWD also has bright orange stickers to attach to a syringe container to warn handlers to be careful. These items are available at any CSWD location. You can also order them so that they are available for patients at your office 872-8111 or visit www.cswd.net

Patient Instruction Brochures

We have several brochures for patients that need to collect samples at home. The following are available online by visiting UVMHealth.org/MedCenterLabServices or you can contact Lab Customer Service to receive some via mail.

- Feces Sample Collection
- Fecal Occult Blood Collection
- Sputum Sample Collection
- Urine Sample Collection