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Subject: Occupational Health
Collection of Drug and Alcohol Testing

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Policy and Definition:

- a. Many local businesses require blood and/or alcohol drug testing for employment purposes. Blood and urine samples collected for Drug and/or Alcohol testing must be handled according to strict NIDA 5 procedures. Lourdes Laboratory does NOT collect these specimens which require chain of custody. Patients presenting to the main laboratory for this type of testing are to be referred back to their employer or to Occupational Health. The employer may need to make arrangements with the Occupational Health Department for testing to be collected. Questions regarding Chain of Custody collections should be referred to the Occupational Health Department at 772-0011.
- b. In some cases, businesses may need to have their employees tested for drugs during hours in which Occupational Health is not staffed. In these cases, the laboratory staff should contact Security. Security has collection kits and has been trained to collect urine samples, fill out the paperwork and secure the sample until a courier can ship the sample to the testing lab.
- b. Patients that present at any collection station with a written order for drug testing for medical purposes (no chain of custody involved) may have their sample collected at any site.
- c. New Lourdes employee candidates will have their urine drug screen samples collected by the Occupational Health Department as well.
- d. Patients who present at a site requesting to collect a self-pay drug screen must have a script from a licensed health care provider. These samples will not be collected as a chain of custody and will be tested by the Chemistry Department. Results will be available to the patient through the physician.