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Purpose:

The following policy defines regional department locations, hours of operation, and services provided by the laboratory.

Department Purpose

The Clinical Laboratory and Pathology department serves to analyze and examine materials fluids and tissues obtained from patients at the request of their physician. Results of laboratory testing aid the physician in diagnosing, managing, and treating the patient. An on-site laboratory provides timely resulting of clinical tests, essential to daily patient management and life-threatening situations.

Department location, Hours of Operation, & Service Provided:

Ochsner Medical Center-Baton Rouge (OMCBR) – 17000 Medical Center Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816

- Hours: 24 hours per day, 7days per week
- Blood Bank special procedures such as therapeutic phlebotomy and apheresis procedures are provided by an outside contracted vendor. Request for these procedures must be scheduled by the provider in order of priority and patient availability.
- Anatomic Pathology provides services 7a-5p Monday through Friday. Frozen sections and other special procedures must be scheduled, or pathologist must be notified in advance. On-call pathology will be dispatched when needed after hours.
- General clinical laboratory testing is performed in-house for inpatients, outpatients and the emergency department 24 hours a day at OMCBR. Specialized departments within the laboratory at OMCBR include Transfusion medicine, Chemistry, Hematology, Hemostasis, Urinalysis, Serology and Anatomic Pathology.

Iberville Medical Complex – 25455 LA Hwy. 1, Plaquemine, LA 70764

- Hours: 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (*Testing Lab*)
 - M – F, 8a – 5p (*Outpatient Draw Station*)
- General clinical laboratory testing is performed in-house for outpatients and the emergency department 24 hours a day at Iberville. Specialized departments

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within the laboratory at Iberville include Chemistry, Hematology, Hemostasis, Urinalysis, Serology and emergency-release RBCs.

- Outpatient specimen collection on-site.

The Grove Medical Complex – 10310 The Grove Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70836

- Hours: M – F (7a – 6p), Sat (8a – 1p)
- General clinical laboratory testing is performed for outpatients and the surgery department. Specialized departments within the laboratory at The Grove include Chemistry, Hematology, Hemostasis, Urinalysis, Serology, Anatomic Pathology, and emergency-release RBCs.
- Outpatient specimen collection on-site.

O'neal Clinic – 16777 Medical Center Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816

- Hours: M – F (7a – 5p)
- General clinical laboratory testing is performed for outpatients. Specialized departments within the laboratory at O'neal include Urinalysis, Serology, and limited Hematology.
- Outpatient specimen collection on-site.

Hammond Clinic – 41676 Veterans Ave., Hammond, LA 70403

- Hours: M – F (7a – 5p)
- General clinical laboratory testing is performed for outpatients. Specialized departments within the laboratory at Hammond include Hematology, Urinalysis, and Serology.
- Outpatient specimen collection on-site.

Refer to the Baton Rouge Laboratories Test Menu (Appendix 1) document for detailed information on available testing in the region.

Laboratory services provided offsite by our affiliated labs include Special Chemistry, Histology/Cytology, Toxicology, Microbiology and Blood Bank reference lab services.

The following lab locations provide outpatient specimen collection only:

Central Clinic – 11424-2 Sullivan Rd, Central, LA 70818

- Hours: M – F (7:30a – 4:30p)

Denham Springs North Clinic – 30819 Hwy. 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726

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- Hours: M – F (8a – 5p)

Denham Springs South Clinic – 139 Veterans Blvd, Denham Springs, LA 70726

- Hours: M – F (8a – 5p)

Jefferson Place Clinic – 8150 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

- Hours: M – F (7:30a – 5:30p)

Prairieville Clinic – 16220 Airline Hwy, Prairieville, LA 70769

- Hours: M – F (7a – 5p)

Zachary Clinic – 4845 Main St., Zachary, LA 70791

- Hours: M – F (8a – 5p)

Baton Rouge Cancer Center – 17050 Medical Center Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

- Hours: M – F (7a – 4p)

Bluebonnet South Clinic – 10150 Bluebonnet Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

- Hours: M – F (7:30a – 4:30p)

Howell Place Clinic – 7855 Howell Blvd, Ste. 20, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

- Hours: M – F (7:30a -4:30p)

Gonzales Clinic – 2400 S. Burnside Ave, Gonzales, LA 70737

- Hours: M – F (7a – 4p)

Turnaround Times

Turnaround times may vary depending on the patient. These times do not take into account unexpected events such as instrument errors or critical values that must be repeated prior to resulting. Below are expected turnaround times based on priority performed providing no further testing is needed.

- STAT– 45 minutes
- ROUTINE- 4-8 hours

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Transfusion Medicine:

In addition to analyzing patient specimens the transfusion services department at OMC-Baton Rouge provides for the storage and preservation of blood and its components for patient use. O negative red blood cells (if available) are stocked at OMCBR, The Grove, and Iberville for emergency release and transfusion in emergent situations. Blood products such as red blood cells, fresh frozen plasma, platelets, and cryoprecipitate are routinely stocked in-house at OMCBR only. Due to the patient's condition, status, or product requirements (CMV negative, antigen negative irradiated plasma-reduced, or saline-washed, etc.), may require outsourcing from our contracted reference labs or another outside blood supplier. Timely receipt of outsourced blood products depends on the requirement needed to safely transfuse the patient.

Turnaround time from receipt of sample in the Blood Bank is 1 hour. All requests are processed in order of priority. Patients requiring special needs such as irradiated, antigen negative, saline washed, etc. requires extra processing time.

Any product not available in-house will be ordered from our contracted blood supplier and transported via courier service. Notifications are made to the appropriate party, nursing staff, provider, lab director, and transfusion services medical director when an unexpected event occurs and may impact patient care. This may include but is not limited to delays in providing blood products.

Transfusion Medicine Turnaround Times

Turnaround time may vary depending on the patient. These times do not take into account unexpected results such as positive antibody screens. Antibodies must be identified in order to issue compatible products. A definite timeline cannot be given for such workups, only an estimate at best. Below are expected turnaround times for testing performed at OMC-Baton Rouge providing no further testing is needed. Additional time will be added for those samples that must be sent to our contracted reference lab for further testing. If products are required there may be more of a delay.

Transfusion Medicine Information Systems

The laboratory utilizes a Laboratory Information System to distribute results to nursing stations and providers. It is also utilized as a tracking system to track specimen location, turnaround times, record retention and record retrieving.

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The Ochsner Health Blood Transfusion Manual is available for all providers and hospital staff regarding policies and procedures. A copy of this manual can be located on the Ochweb Intranet, link

[SOLA-BB-INF-1002 Blood Transfusion Manual](#)

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Appendix 1: OMC-Baton Rouge Laboratories Test Menu

Chemistry Test Menu

Acetaminophen, serum/plasma

Albumin, serum/plasma

Alcohol/volatiles, serum/plasma

Alkaline phosphatase, serum/plasma

ALT, serum/plasma

Ammonia, serum/plasma

Amylase, serum/plasma

AST, serum/plasma

Beta-hydroxybutyrate, waived

Bilirubin, direct, neonatal, serum/plasma

Bilirubin, direct, serum/plasma

Bilirubin, total, neonatal, serum/plasma

Bilirubin, total, serum/plasma

C-reactive protein, high sensitivity (hsCRP)

C-reactive protein, qual and/or quant

Calcium, serum/plasma

Carbamazepine

Chloride, serum/plasma

Chloride, urine

CO₂, serum/plasma

Creatine kinase (CK), serum/plasma

Creatinine, serum/plasma

Creatinine, urine, quantitative

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Digoxin

Enzyme Immunoassay

Ferritin, serum/plasma

Gentamicin, serum/plasma

Glucose, CSF

Glucose, serum/plasma

hCG, quantitative, serum/plasma

HCV antibody, non-rapid immunoassay method

HIV-1/2 antibody, non-rapid method

Immunoassay

Lactate, serum/plasma

LD, serum/plasma

Lipase, serum/plasma

Lithium, serum/plasma

Magnesium, serum/plasma

NT-proBNP

Parathyroid hormone (PTH), intact, serum/plasma

Phenytoin

Phosphorus, serum/plasma

Potassium, serum/plasma

Potassium, urine

Procalcitonin

Protein, total, CSF

Protein, total, quantitative, urine

Protein, total, serum/plasma

Salicylate, serum/plasma

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Sodium, serum/plasma

Sodium, urine

T4, free

Therapeutic drug monitoring

Tobramycin, serum/plasma

Triglycerides, serum/plasma

Troponin I, high sensitivity

TSH, serum/plasma

Urea, serum/plasma

Uric acid, serum/plasma

Urine toxicology, qual, automated immunoassay

Valproic acid

Vancomycin, serum/plasma

Hematology /Coagulation Test Menu

Body fluid cell count, automated

Body fluid cell count, manual

Body fluid differential/cell identification

Bone Marrow Collection (assist)

D-dimer, quantitative

ESR, automated, non-waived

Fibrinogen

Hematocrit, non-waived

Hemoglobin, non-waived

INR calculated, plasma, non-waived

nRBC count, automated

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Platelet count, automated

PT, plasma

PTT, plasma

RBC count

RBC indices (e.g. MCV, RDW)

Reticulocyte count, automated

WBC count, automated

WBC differential, automated

WBC differential, manual

Urinalysis Test Menu

hCG, urine, waived

Urinalysis dipstick, automated, non-waived

Urinalysis dipstick, manual, waived

Urinalysis microscopic, automated (inc.crystal ID)

Urinalysis microscopic, manual (inc. crystal ID)

Wet mount for yeast

Immunology Test Menu

AFP & PP12, rapid, amniotic fluid

Fetal fibronectin

HIV-1/2 antibody rapid test, waived

Infectious mononucleosis, waived

Influenza, NAA, waived

Latex agglutination

nCoV 2019, NAA, EUA, waived

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Rotavirus antigen, non-DFA method, non-waived

RSV, rapid NAA, waived

Strep A, rapid NAA, waived

Microbiology Test Menu

Blood culture collection only

C. difficile detection (non-molecular)

Gram stain, gonococcus

Gram stain, other

Occult blood, fecal, waived (incl. FIT/iFOB)

Occult blood, gastric, waived

Viral ID, respiratory panel, non-waived

Transfusion Medicine/Blood Bank Test Menu

ABO blood grouping

Antibody identification

Antibody screen

Automated blood banking test system

Blood/component issuance for transfusion

Blood/component storage

Compatibility testing

Direct antiglobulin test (DAT), non-automated

Donor unit retyping

Fetal-maternal bleed screen (rosette)

RBC antigen typing

Rh type (included weak D)

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RhIG Candidate Assessment

Sickle cell screening on donor units

Solid phase techniques

Transfusion reaction evaluation

Anatomic Pathology Test Menu

ER, breast, pred. marker, IHC path interp only

Gross evaluation, non-pathologist

Gross evaluation, pathologist

HER2, breast, pred. marker, IHC path interp only

HER2, gastric, pred. marker, IHC path interp only

Intraoperative consultation (e.g. frozen sections)

Microscopic evaluation, Surgical Pathology

Pathologist interpretation, FNA

Cytopathology Test Menu

Pathologist interpretation, FNA

Pathologist interpretation, non-gyn cytology