

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

SUBJECT:

Laboratory Services

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

The Hospital has the capacity of analyzing specific laboratory tests within the time frame specified by the Fire Department City of New York Emergency Department standards.

IMPLEMENTATION:

POLICY:

A. Laboratory for stat specimens - requirements are:

1. The Laboratory will analyze stat specimens from the ED on a priority basis, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, located within five minutes from the ED for the following tests:

- a. CBC - within 30 minutes
- b. 6 channel or SMA 6 - within 30 minutes
- c. Amylase - within 60 minutes
- d. Urinalysis - within 30 minutes
- e. Blood gases - within 15 minutes
- f. PT and/or PTT - within 60 minutes

B. Toxicology Screening Capability - requirements to include:

1. Serum levels for: acetaminophen, barbiturates, carboxyhemoglobin, ethylene glycol, lithium, methanol, methemoglobin, salicylates, theophylline, and osmolality determined by a freezing point depression.

2. That specific toxicology tests may be ordered for validation purposes if indicated.

3. Ability to collect and store samples of serum, urine and gastric aspirate to be sent to Health Department, or other sophisticated toxicology laboratories, if clinical condition of patient warrants further assessments.