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# From the Office of Health Informatics Quest Ambulatory Location Laboratory Order Process

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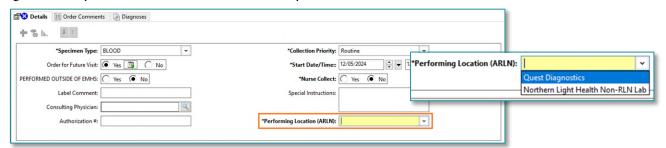
Laboratory orders require intervention to indicate where a patient will be having their labs drawn. The process is to ensure that the lab orders flow to the appropriate locations. If a STAT or EXPEDITE lab is needed to be performed on site at the hospital lab, use Northern Light Health Non-RLN Lab and <u>DO NOT</u> change the Future Order to No, this will alert the lab when a STAT or EXPEDITE order is placed.

#### **NOTE:**

Expedite is a collection priority that will allow the lab sample to be processed at the NLH laboratory with a time frame similar to current state routine – normally 24 hours or less. It is also only to be used if this time frame is clinically warranted. Stat will remain the same as highest priority for collection and processing. No additional charge for either.

#### **Quest PSC Lab Draw**

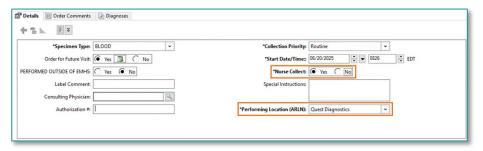
Providers entering laboratory orders for Quest PSC laboratory collection:



- **STEP 1:** Select **Quest Diagnostic** as the **Performing Location (ARLN)**.
  - Quest Diagnostics <u>must be</u> used when the patient is going to Quest (PSC) or if labs are drawn in the office.
- **STEP 2**: Nurse Collect: No.
- STEP 3: Click Sign.

# <u>In-Office Lab Collection (B2 Practices – see list below)</u>

Providers entering laboratory orders for in-office collection to be sent to Quest:



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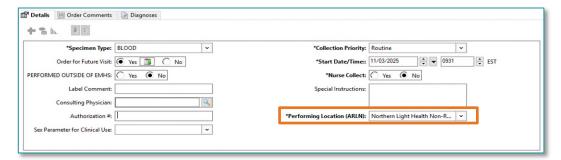
- **STEP 1:** Select **Quest Diagnostic** as the **Performing Location (ARLN)**.
  - Nurse Collect defaults to Yes.
- **STEP 2: Sign** order, provider notifies clinical staff to collect specimen.

# <u>In-Office Laboratory Collection Steps – Clinical Staff</u>

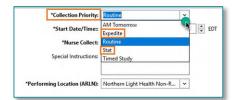
- **STEP 1:** Locate the applicable lab order(s).
- STEP 2: Manually print the order requisition by right-clicking and selecting **Print > Reprint Requisition**. Cross out the order date and times and update requisition with current date, time and who collected.
- **STEP 3:** Collect specimen(s) and attach lab label to container(s).
- **STEP 4:** Package specimens for transport by courier to include printed order requisition with.
  - If STAT lab, clinical staff to contact courier for immediate pick up.
- **STEP 5**: Ensure specimen is placed in the appropriate collection bin.

# **NLH Hospital Lab Draw Order**

Providers entering laboratory orders for NLH Hospital locations:



- <u>STEP 1</u>: In **Performing Location** choose **Northern Light Health Non-RLN** Lab to send to the hospital lab.
  - Do not choose Quest Diagnostics.
- NOTE: If a STAT or EXPEDITE lab is needed to be performed on site at the hospital lab, use Northern Light Health Non-RLN Lab and DO NOT change the Future Order to No. This workflow will alert the lab when a STAT or EXPEDITE order is placed.



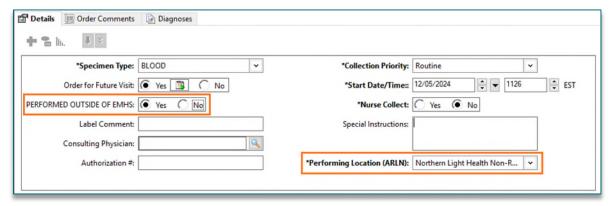
- **STEP 2:** Sign order, provider notifies clinical staff to collect specimen.
  - In-Office Laboratory Collection Steps Clinical Staff
- <u>STEP 3</u>: Manually print the order requisition by right-clicking and selecting **Print Requisition**, then print patient labels as per current workflow.

- **STEP 4:** Collect specimen(s) and attach lab label to container(s).
- **STEP 5**: Package specimens for transport by courier to include printed order requisition.
  - If STAT lab, clinical staff to contact courier for immediate pick up.

NOTE: If a lab is needed to be performed on site at the hospital lab, <u>DO NOT</u> change the Order Future Order to No.

### **Outside NLH Lab Draw**

Providers entering laboratory orders for Outside NLH collection:



- **STEP 1:** Performed Outside of EMHS = Yes.
- **STEP 2:** Nurse Collect: No.
- STEP 3: Performing Location (ARLN) = Northern Light Health Non-RLN.
- STEP 4: Click Sign.
  - Outside NLH Laboratory Collection Clinical Staff
- **STEP 5**: Manually print the order requisition by right clicking the order and selecting **Print Requisition**.
- **STEP 6:** Retrieve the printed laboratory order(s) and hand to patient.

## **Quest Lab locations**

#### Quest PSC Sites

- Union St., Bangor
- North St., Presque Isle

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### ➤ In Office Lab Draw Quest Locations (B2 practices)

- Northern Light Primary Care, University of Maine
- Northern Light Primary Care, Brewer
- Northern Light Primary Care, Hampden
- Northern Light Primary Care, Bangor Union St.
- Northern Light Primary Care, Bangor Husson Ave.
- Northern Light Internal Medicine, Bangor Husson Ave.
- Northern Light Pediatric Primary Care, Bangor
- Northern Light Urology, Bangor Broadway and State St. offices
- Northern Light Mercy Primary Care, Yarmouth
- Northern Light Mercy Cardiovascular Care, Yarmouth