

Blood Draws

We encourage the use of [M-Labs](#), whenever geographically feasible, for our home infusion patients who require laboratory monitoring. This insures that the results will be entered into the patient's University of Michigan's electronic record and be available for all clinicians involved with the patient's care. Here is a list of [M-Lab blood drawing station locations](#), including addresses and hours of operation. [Lab requisitions](#) routed to M-Labs for HomeMed patients should indicate the results reporting location code "**XHOM**", which will ensure that all abnormal lab results are reported directly to HomeMed for follow up. If you are delivering a home-drawn specimen directly to a blood drawing station, please have the phlebotomist review the requisition to ensure that there are no questions regarding the desired tests and reporting method.

If you must use a laboratory other than M-Labs, be sure to indicate on the requisition to fax results to HomeMed @ 734-1046 (fax), or call 1-800-862-2731 to report any critical values.

When collecting multiple specimens, blood tubes should be drawn in specific [order](#). The most frequent blood draws that are ordered are either for [drug levels](#), [blood chemistries & urinalysis](#), or [blood & urine cultures](#). These lists, compiled from the UMHS M-Labs Handbook, will give you further information on the type of collection container to use, the volume required for specific tests, and details regarding storage conditions. If you would like further information on these, or any other tests, please refer to the complete [M-Labs Handbook](#).