

## Laboratory Services

### Important Test Announcement

#### CORTISOL FOR DEXAMETHASONE SUPPRESSION

**Test Code:** [CORDEX](#)

**Live Date:** 9/2/2025

Starting 9/2/2025, Cortisol for Dexamethasone Suppression ([CORDEX](#)) will be available to order. This test is only to be used for patients undergoing a dexamethasone suppression study. This test will not include a low-value alert notification and does not have a normal range. When ordering in Epic, a pop-up will appear stating:

"This cortisol test is only to be used for patients receiving a dexamethasone suppression test. This test will not have an alert value associated with it."

- **Performed:** Monday - Friday
- **Turnaround Time:** 1 day (Monday – Friday)
- **Specimen Required:**
  - **Collect :**
    - 3 mL Red tube, (no anticoagulant), No Gel
  - **Specimen Volume:**
    - 1mL (Minimum 0.5 mL)
  - **Storage/Transport/Temperature/Conditions:**
    - Transport to the lab at room temperature
  - **Unacceptable Conditions:**
    - Specimen collected in wrong tube type

#### VANCOMYCIN, RANDOM, FOR CONTINUOUS INFUSION

**Test Code:** [RVANC](#)

**Live Date:** 9/2/2025

Starting 9/2/2025, Vancomycin, Random, for Continuous Infusion ([RVANC](#)) will be available to order. This test is only to be used for patients receiving a continuous infusion of vancomycin. Upon order in Epic, alternative testing options will be presented for Vancomycin, Pre-dose and Vancomycin, Post-dose tests to ensure the appropriate order is selected. The normal range and alert values for this test are listed below.

Test	Normal Range	Alert value	Units
Vancomycin, Random, Continuous Infusion	17.0 - 25.0	>25.0	µg/mL

- **Methodology:** Chemiluminescent Microparticle Immunoassay (CMIA)
- **Performed:** 7 days a week
- **Turnaround Time:** 4 hours
- **Specimen Required:**
  - **Collect :**
    - 3 mL Green tube (Lithium heparin), No Gel Specimen
  - **Volume:**
    - 1mL minimum
  - **Storage/Transport/Temperature/Conditions:**
    - Transport to the lab at room temperature within 4 hours
  - **Unacceptable Conditions:**
    - Collected in tube with gel separator
    - Gross hemolysis, Gross icterus, Gross lipemia
    - Wrong type of specimen