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At Nationwide Children's Laboratory Services we offer the convenience of both ECG services and laboratory testing performed by exceptionally trained pediatric technicians.

ECG Services:

Rely on the Nationwide Children's Hospital pediatric cardiology experts when referring your patients for an ECG.

- Pediatric ECG interpretations are different. They reduce false positives that may result from an adult ECG interpretation.
- ECG results in 2 – 3 business days
- 10 convenient locations – walk-in services at 8 of our locations

Laboratory Services locations near you that provide ECG services:

Canal Winchester – 7901 Diley Rd, Suite 150
Dublin – 7450 Hospital Drive
East Columbus – 6435 E. Broad Street
Hilliard – 4363 All Season's Drive
Lewis Center – 7853 Pacer Drive
Marysville – 100 Coleman's Crossing Boulevard
Westerville – 433 N. Cleveland Avenue
Mansfield – 536 S. Trimble Road – call (419) 528-1351 to schedule your ECG at this facility
Newark – 75 S. Terrace Avenue
Zanesville – 1166 Military Road, Suite 2B – call (740) 588-0237 to schedule your ECG at this facility

Lead and Hemoglobin Screening:

When collecting samples in your office, Nationwide Children's Laboratory Services offers a blood lead and hemoglobin* screening test using a filter card. Both tests ordered together only require three circles filled with blood on the filter card. Collecting these tests on the same card reduces patient distress, provides a quick collection, gains a higher patient compliance, and is very easy to transport.

Collection using the Lead and Hemoglobin Filter Card has these benefits:

- Improves patient compliance
- Simple fingerstick collection method
- Specimens can be mailed to our laboratory
- Quick turn-around time is usually 2 to 3 days upon receipt in the lab

**Filter paper hemoglobin assay is considered a screening test. The results may vary from a whole blood CBC due to different methodologies. Laboratory Services recommends follow-up testing be performed, if clinically warranted, using a non-filter card test.*

Accessing Newsletter and Test Updates on the Website

Nationwide Children's Laboratory Services produces monthly Newsletters and Test Updates to keep our clients up-to-date on our tests, our research, and many other items affecting innovations in pediatric laboratory testing. This is accessed through the website under Resources for Providers on NationwideChildrens.org/Lab



Nationwide Children's Hospital Marks A Decade as One of the Nation's Best

Tenth consecutive year for “Best of the Best” recognition.

June 21, 2023

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – Nationwide Children's Hospital has been named to *U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll* for the 10th consecutive year. The Honor Roll is a top distinction awarded to only 10 children's hospitals nationwide recognized by *U.S. News* as the “Best of the Best.” Nationwide Children's is ranked sixth on the 2023-24 Honor Roll list.

The Honor Roll list is based on a hospital's cumulative ranking in 10 specialties evaluated by U.S. News. Nationwide Children's is also ranked among the nation's best in all 10 specialties, with seven ranked in the top 10. *U.S. News & World Report's 2023-2024* Best Children's Hospitals rankings of Nationwide Children's individual medical specialties include:

- Cancer - #9
- Cardiology and Heart Surgery - #5
- Diabetes & Endocrine Disorders - #12
- Gastroenterology and GI Surgery - #6
- Neurology and Neurosurgery - #6
- Orthopedics - #11
- Pulmonary Medicine - #3
- Urology - #8
- Neonatology - #18
- Nephrology - #4

“Our entire hospital team is committed to caring for children from Ohio and around the world, making a positive impact on our communities, and advancing research that will improve lives far into the future,” said **Tim Robinson, Nationwide Children's CEO**. “This decade of recognition from U.S. News is the result of our team's incredible dedication.”

REMINDERS

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ohio Now in Network for Medicaid Plan

After a long period of negotiation, Nationwide Children's and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ohio have reached an agreement that places the hospital in network with Anthem's Medicaid plan. This agreement is effective as of June 2, 2023.

Warm Weather Reminder

Now that summer has arrived, it is important that samples placed in a lockbox prior to transport to the laboratory be maintained at the appropriate temperature.

If refrigerated samples are stored in the lockbox, then a refrigerated cold pack should be placed in the lockbox to maintain the samples at the refrigerated temperature. The cold pack should not be frozen, since you do not want refrigerated whole blood samples to freeze.





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Lab Account Representatives are available via email to assist with any questions or concerns.

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