

Laboratory Requisition Storage Pre-Collection September 19, 2023

This information applies to: Island Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

Effective January 1st, 2024 QEH Specimen Collection department will discontinue storing patient requisitions precollection. Requisitions are to be distributed to patients by the ordering provider. Patients <u>must</u> bring their requisition to their blood collection appointments.

Exceptions will include:

- Maple virtual care
- Other virtual care services
- IWK funded NIPT testing
- Special collections arranged by Pre-Analytical Chief Technologist or designate (e.g. IGRA, CPHO, MMGS)

Requisitions deemed as exceptions will be stored for 2 months from date of receipt then discarded if patient fails to present/book an appointment.

The laboratory is responsible for retention of submitted requisitions post analysis and are complying with the Provincial Laboratory Services Specimen/Requisition Acceptance Policy, Health PEI Guide to Laboratory Services, and Accreditation Canada standards.

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