

MDSS

Laboratory

The laboratory performs all tests ordered on TRICARE prime patients. TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra patients are eligible to receive laboratory services for any procedure that is performed at Tinker or is available through a military reference laboratory.

Pregnancy testing must be ordered by a PCM prior to arriving at the laboratory; the laboratory cannot order tests on patients. Contact the appointment line at (405) 734-2778 Monday-Friday to leave a message for your PCM team.

Patients are required to contact the requesting provider or Patient Administration for lab results. By federal law and Air Forces Instruction, the laboratory cannot release results directly to patients or to any other provider beside the requesting PCM. However, if the labs are for an off-base provider and they are having trouble receiving the fax a patient may come to the lab to get an enveloped, sealed, and stamped copy to take directly to that off-base provider.

The majority of specimen collections are performed on a first-come, first-serve basis. A small number of specimen collections require special preparation (e.g. glucose tolerance testing, please contact the laboratory for further information and scheduling.

Please note: "Fasting" lab work needs to be done when the patient has been fasting for 10-12 hours. Fasting is abstaining from food and drinks except water. **Please drink plenty of water.**

Telephone Number: (405) 582- 6374

FAX: (405) 736-3124

Duty Hours: Monday- Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m., excluding federal holidays, every Wednesday the lab will not open until 9 a.m. for mandatory readiness training.