



News You Can Use October, 2024

Geneseo Patient Service Center Has Moved: We are now located in the new Medical Office Building at **48 E. South Street**. Our 2 Ryan Drive location and 50 E. South Street locations are permanently closed.

Changes to Blood Gas Testing:

As of October 28th, 2024, Ionized Calcium (ICA), on serum, will no longer be available due to an upgrade in blood gas analyzers.

Ionized calcium (ICA) on serum is not an FDA approved fluid type on this equipment and will no longer be offered. Whole blood ionized calcium (WBICA) will continue to be offered and is the preferred sample type for this test. Technical Bulletin Link: [Blood Gas Testing Changes Memo](#)

Labeling Requirements for Specimens & Requisitions

In the coming months there will be an important change to the acceptability of samples received with discrepant or missing information. Once instituted, each sample not in compliance with our labeling policy will be subject to a **higher level of rejection and recollection**. Please use this time in the coming weeks to better understand you section processes and to plan for any improvements that would mitigate these missed testing opportunities.

All samples received in the laboratory must have full first and last name of the patient, secondary identifier (DOB or MRN), collection date, collection time and collector's initials. Electronic documentation in UR Medicine's eRecord or interfaced systems meets this qualification, all others must record the information the specimen label. Link: [Labeling Requirements](#)

Technical Bulletins September-October:

For all Technical Bulletins please go to <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/pathology-labs/news/technical-bulletins.aspx>

[Blood Gas Testing Changes Memo](#)

[Cumulative Antibiograms for Community Outpatient Infections](#)

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