

# Facts About Lab Tests

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## Lab Tests Performed here at Beu

**Blood Tests**

- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Mono Test
- Glucose
- Syphilis Screening (RPR)\*

\* All tests except these 2 can be completed in a few minutes while you wait.

**Other specimens:**

- Urinalysis
- Rapid strep
- Strep culture\*
- Occult Blood (in stool)
- Wet Prep (For Vaginal Infection)
- Gram Stain
- KOH (screening for yeast)
- Pregnancy tests (HCG)

**Lab tests sent to reference labs**

For many tests, the specimen is collected here but sent to a reference lab. We use 3 reference labs: Quest Diagnostics, McDonough District Hospital, and IL Dept. of Public Health, to perform these tests. Each lab has a courier that picks up our specimens daily. These test results come back in 1-14 days, depending on the test.

**Getting Lab test results**

The lab is not authorized to give patients their results. The ordering Health Care Provider or their nurse will give the patient the results by phone, mail or in person.

**Your Beu Health Center Laboratory Professionals**

All three of our laboratory professionals are Medical Technologists (MT). They are the highest level of laboratory professionals besides a Pathologist, M.D. To be a Medical Technologist, you must have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree and then attend a Clinical Laboratory Science school (1 or 2 year programs). After completion of the CLS school they have to take a national certification exam. Every year they must complete proficiency testing and continuing education to ensure the highest quality of laboratory testing.

<b>Phlebotomist</b>	Collection of venous blood draws	On the job training
<b>Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)</b>	Collection of specimens, performs all controls to ensure high quality test results, All maintenance on analyses, performs low complexity testing	Associates degree with a certificate from a Medical Laboratory Technician school
<b>Histotechnician (HT)</b>	Cut and stain tissue specimens for microscopic examination by a Pathologist	Associate degree with a certificate from a Histotechnician program
<b>Cytotechnician (CT)</b>	Prepare slides of body cells and examine these cells microscopically for abnormalities that could signal cancerous growth	Bachelor of Science degree from a Nationally Accredited Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science

<b>Pathologist</b>	Directing the operation of the lab, diagnose biopsies from surgical procedures, collect bone marrow biopsies and fine needle aspirations. They are the Doctor's Doctor.	They are a M.D. or a D.O. In addition to a 4 year college, there is 4 years of medical school. It is one of the longest post graduate programs. There are several subspecialties that they can pursue with an additional 1-3 years of training
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