

PROCEDURE

Corewell Health East - Release of Laboratory Specimen(s) for Medical Purposes

This Procedure is Applicable to the following Corewell Health sites:

*Sites:, Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital, Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital, Corewell Health Farmington Hills Hospital, Corewell Health Taylor Hospital, Corewell Health Trenton Hospital, Corewell Health Wayne Hospital, Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital (Royal Oak)

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1. Purpose

The Laboratory may be contacted to release blood and/or body fluids to Medical Examiner, Gift of Life, or to Michigan Law Enforcement (Sheriff's Department) for further testing. Authorization for release of information must be presented to Corewell Health Beaumont Hospital or Laboratory and will depend on where the deceased (body) came from.

Examples are:

- a. Patient was an inpatient, went home and died a week later. If the Medical Examiner needs medical information or specimens from the hospital, an Authorization for Disclosure of Patient Medical Information will be necessary.
- b. Patient died in the hospital and the body is released to the Medical Examiner (ME) who calls a day or two later requesting any blood specimens. Authorization will not be necessary because the ME has already signed a release for the body and the medical chart.

2. Responsibility

Personnel who have completed the training will perform this.

3. Procedure

- a. Fill out the form Release of Lab Specimen(s) for Medical/Legal Purposes and check off the box for completed authorization (if applicable).
- b. Specimens will be pulled from Chemistry, Hematology, etc. The patient's full name and date of birth and Medical Record Number, if available, must be given to the departments. Place specimens to be picked up in the assigned refrigerator.
- c. Requestor will come to the Laboratory with their signed Authorization for Disclosure of Patient Medical Information (if applicable). Ask the Requestor to sign the Release of Lab Specimen(s) for Medical/Legal Purposes Form. Make a copy of the completed Release of Lab Specimen(s) for Medical/Legal Purposes Form for the Requestor.

Entities will reference associated Documentation contained within this document as applicable
Printouts of this document may be out of date and should be considered uncontrolled.

- d. The Requestor will be given the specimens in a biohazard bag (double bag). Generally, the Requestor will have a cooler or another container to place them in for transporting back to their facility.
- e. Save a copy of the Release of Lab Specimen(s) for Medical/Legal Purposes Form and the Requestor's Authorization for Disclosure of Patient Medical Information Form.

4. Revisions

Corewell Health reserves the right to alter, mend, modify, or eliminate this document at any time without prior written notice.

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