



Dear Patient,

The Saskatchewan Bleeding Disorders Program would kindly request that you have bloodwork drawn **10-14 days before** your next scheduled appointment. This will allow your results to be available for the day of your clinic visit, so that the physician may review results together with you.

Please look at your bloodwork request, to know whether you can go to any lab, or if you need to have your blood drawn at a specific lab site.

If your bloodwork request includes Special Coagulation studies written in the 'Other Tests' box, your bloodwork will need to be drawn at a lab that can properly prepare and send these samples for testing at the Special Coagulation Lab in Saskatoon or Regina. Examples of these special tests include von Willebrand Factor levels (VWF Antigen, VWF Functional Assay), any specific Factor levels, or inhibitor studies.

Bloodwork collection centers that are able to draw Special Coagulation tests are as follows:

Saskatoon	Royal University Hospital Test Center; St. Paul's Hospital Test Center; Midtown Medical Center. Site addresses and phone numbers are on the reverse side of the bloodwork requisition. Call ahead to confirm they are open.
Regina	Regina General Hospital; any community Life Labs facility, <i>by appointment only.</i> <i>Book on line or call 1-888-333-0222.</i>
For all other blood collection centers not listed above: Call the local lab to ask if they can draw and prepare bloodwork for tests listed in the 'Other Tests' box before going for your bloodwork.	

Please note that we are still in the process of confirming which rural labs are able to prepare specimens for Special Coagulation studies to ensure samples are properly prepared for referral in to Saskatoon or Regina. This letter will be updated once further details are available.

If you are unable to get bloodwork drawn in advance of your appointment, then there is still an opportunity to have samples drawn at the RUH Test Center when you attend your clinic visit.

If your blood work request does not include any additional tests written in the 'Other Tests' box, then you can proceed to any outpatient lab facility to have your bloodwork drawn.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the SBDP Nursing cell phone at 306-381-4185.

Regards,

The Saskatchewan Bleeding Disorders Program Nurses and Physicians