

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
LABORATORY POLICY MANUAL**

PREDRAW OUTPATIENT STATUS

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PRINCIPLE

To advise a patient of his/her options in the event he/she did not follow the pre-collection preparation instructions (i.e. fasting).

PROCEDURE

If an outpatient comes to the laboratory with an order for a test that has a pre-collection preparation such as fasting and it appears that it was not followed accurately, the ordering physician should be called immediately. If the physician chooses to do the test regardless of patient status, the specimen should be drawn and the situation noted on the requisition and in the computer. If the physician cannot be reached, it is the patient's decision as to whether to be drawn or come back at a later date. Document that the patient was informed that their testing may need to be repeated, if the predraw condition was not acceptable to the ordering physician and the fact that the physician could not be reached for consult on the order. It is very important that our actions be documented to avoid misunderstandings at a later date. Document in LIS.