

ADD-ON LABORATORY TESTING FAQ

01. WHAT IS BEAKER?

Beaker is the module within EPIC that is used by the lab staff for testing and resulting.

02. WHAT IS AN ADD-ON REQUEST?

An add-on request refers to ordering additional lab tests on a specimen that has already been collected, typically before the samples are discarded. This saves patients from multiple blood draws and streamlines diagnostics.

03. HOW TO REQUEST ADD-ON TESTING

Refer to [‘Add-On Workflow for Clinical Specimens’](#) Tipsheet.

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04. HOW LONG ARE SPECIMENS AVAILABLE FOR ADD-ON TESTING?

Specimen Stability for add-on testing varies for each test. Refer to ADMIN-111 for details.

- Chemistry/Immunochem - 4 days
- Hematology - 24 hours
- Coagulations - 8 hours

05. WHAT ARE THE COMMON REASONS FOR THE ADD-ON TESTING TO BE REJECTED?

- Quality Not Sufficient
- Duplicate Order
- Specimen Hemolyzed
- Specimen Past Stability

06. HOW ARE ADD-ON ORDERS HANDLED IN THE LAB?

- **Manual:** Lab staff retrieves samples from storage before accepting the add-on order.
- **Automated:** The system locates and retrieves samples, sends them to the analyzer, and returns them to storage automatically.

07. HOW COMMON IS ADD-ON TESTING?

The Main Core Lab at UH processes approximately 10,000 add-on tests every month.

- This is roughly 300-350 add-ons every day
- Add-ons prevent thousands of unnecessary venipunctures each month
- High add-on volume also means the lab is experienced at quickly finding and performing the add-on