

Sending Comments/Instructions to the Lab

On occasion, a provider may want to send instructions to the lab when placing a lab order. These instructions should be entered in the **Comments to Performing Location** box located above the ordering provider's name (see example below).

Please keep the following in mind when ordering a lab that needs instructions:

1. Do not place your instructions in the Annotations field. This field is for internal use only. The lab cannot read Annotation comments.
2. While the lab does have the ability to see the Comments to Performing Location, these comments do not stand out to the lab and could be overlooked, especially on a busy day. **The BEST WAY to make sure the lab receives your instructions regarding a lab order is to call them.**
3. Please do not order a lab unless it is definitely needed. For example, there may be occasions when a particular lab might be needed contingent on the results of another lab. In that case, wait until the lab results are returned and order the lab at that time if it is needed.

Any comments to the lab should be entered here.

Order Details
TEST, JENNIFER 33 YO F DOB: 01Jan1979 Chart Update 1/24/2012
Order Entry Results Record w/o Ordering
Cholesterol, Total Link to: [1] Hyperlipidemia
Status: Active Status... Active
Additional Details
Comments to Performing Location: [Text Area] Cite Result
Ordered By: Garland, Bridget
Managed By: Garland, Bridget Supervised By: Assad, Norman Auth: Not Required
CC Results To
Fin. Auth: Not Needed Fin. Auth #: Appointment Status: Appointment Not Needed
Effective: 31Jan2012 Expires: 31Jan2013 Done: Now
Patient Instructions: [Text Area]
Order Instructions: [Text Area]
Order: TW7832818 Requisition: 135722 Label Type:
Unverified Order:
Charging Details
Associated Encounter
History
Order Annotations
Save and Return to ACl Save and Close ACl Cancel

Any information entered in the Annotations field **CANNOT** be seen by the lab.