

Processing a short sample specimen for multiple tests

When you are unable to collect the optimal amount of specimen for testing, the following steps must be taken in order to ensure that all testing is performed and resulted according to the provider's preferred priority:

LabLink sites (portal or interface):

1. Place the LabLink/Atlas specimen label for the highest priority test on the specimen.
2. Identify the remaining specimen testing priority by writing the priority on each remaining label (2, 3, etc. with 2 being the second highest priority test), or test abbreviation on a label containing multiple tests.
3. Wrap all of the prioritized specimen labels around the tube and secure with a rubber band.
4. Package the specimen as usual.

Manual requisition sites:

On the requisition, indicate the priority of each test ordered.

Excellian/Beaker sites:

1. Place the Beaker specimen label for the highest priority test on the specimen.
2. Identify the remaining specimen testing priority by writing the priority on each remaining Beaker label (2, 3, etc. with 2 being the second highest priority test).
3. Receive all specimens in Beaker for correct date and time.
4. Place all specimens on a packing list(s).
5. Wrap all of the prioritized Beaker specimen labels around the tube and secure with a rubber band.
6. Package the specimen according to the instructions in *Submitting Specimens to Allina Health Laboratory via a Packing List in Beaker*.
 - a. If the short specimen is for testing that is on multiple packing lists, place all labels with the specimen in one specimen bag.

If specimen quantity is insufficient to complete all requested testing, Allina Health Laboratory will notify your facility of any tests that will not be performed or resulted.