

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES**Front End Automation Go Live**

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On Tuesday, September 10, Meriter Laboratories will be implementing front end automation within our laboratory. This new robotics line will automate most testing within the Chemistry Department and have extensive impacts to Specimen Processing.

Impacts may be seen with turn around times, especially in the first few weeks of utilizing the system. Some items that will be helpful during this transition are below:

- Ensuring all orders are placed prior to the patient being drawn.
 - Reducing add on orders will assist with internal workflows and expedite results.
- Tidy labeling of blood samples.
 - Placing labels smoothly on the tube, not the cap, and leaving a “window” available for visual inspection of the sample.
- Full blood tubes collected, if possible.
 - Reducing short draws will eliminate the need to manually pour over samples, extending turn around times.
- Collecting the correct number of tubes.
 - Decreasing the number of shared samples will ensure each tube has a label/test and is processed immediately.

We appreciate your patience during this transition time.

If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.