

Guidelines for Outpatient Imaging and Labs
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Intent: Guidelines for ordering outpatient imaging and labs during COVID-19.

Message:

In response to the current COVID-19 outbreak, we are sensitive to protecting our patients and staff through limiting unnecessary exposures.

Outpatient testing (lab, imaging, etc.) remains open, however, we ask for you to consider the following guidelines when seeing patients that may require testing.

1. During this time, please only order testing that is required for acute management of treatment plans. Defer any testing for greater than 60 days.
2. Please work collaboratively with teams to review tests currently on the books for the next 30-60 days to see if these can be moved out, i.e., applicable to tests ordered for annual follow up, etc.
3. VICC patients will not be rescheduled or cancelled unless patient or referring clinician gives that directive.
4. Patients needing phlebotomy services can present to any of the Walgreen's clinics for blood draws and need not come to the 21st Avenue lab.
5. The request for all outpatient imaging is for this to take place in one of our facilities off the 21st Avenue campus. The [Vanderbilt Imaging Services outpatient imaging locations](#) remain open and are screening patients upon entry to the facility.

Thank you in advance as we work through this unprecedented time.