



After-Hours Drug Testing Change

In late November, the laboratory department at Iowa Methodist Medical Center announced that it would be discontinuing drug and alcohol testing services effective January 1, 2014. Some clients of Methodist Occupational Health & Wellness had used the hospital laboratory for after-hours and weekend drug and alcohol testing in the past, so we want to provide a general update about what this change means for you.

What about the clinics?

Drug and alcohol testing will ALWAYS be available at our three occupational medicine clinics during regular hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

To view our clinic locations, please visit <http://www.iowahealth.org/our-locations.aspx>.

Drug and alcohol testing is a key component of our service to area employers, and as long as our clinics are in business, we will continue to offer these services. The hospital laboratory at Iowa Methodist Medical Center is the only location that will discontinue drug and alcohol collections.

What if I need after-hours drug or alcohol testing?

At this time, Methodist Occupational Health & Wellness will not be offering after-hours or weekend collections. If your policies or federal regulations require that you obtain an employee drug test after 5:00 p.m. during the week or any time on the weekends, you will need to arrange for this service to be provided by a separate, independent vendor. For suggestions about who to call and how that process works, please call Steve Krob at (515) 241-2223.

What do I do with the "kits" you gave me? Where can I get more?

If you still have a supply of collection kits (either in small brown boxes or manila envelopes) that include specimen cups, shipping materials, and custody and control forms, you can request that your new after-hours collector use those kits or you can arrange for the collector to provide all collection supplies necessary. If you chose to have supplies provided by your new after-hours vendor, please be sure the testing panel (5, 7, 10, federal, etc.) meets your policy requirements.

One final comment:

Please accept our apologies for any confusion or inconvenience the discontinuation of after-hours drug and alcohol collections at Iowa Methodist Medical Center may have caused you or your business. If we can provide any assistance in arranging these services for you in 2014, please call.