

How can I arrange clinical follow-up with a physician?

If you do not have a personal physician, the HRRMC Laboratory can provide you with a list of local physicians/medical providers and their clinic phone numbers, so you can choose a physician/medical provider and make an appointment with him/her to discuss the significance of your test results. Please call the HRRMC Laboratory Manager at 719-530-2261 for this list.

Can Direct Access Laboratory Testing be used as a substitute for examination by a medical doctor?

No. Laboratory testing should not be used as the only means to diagnose the presence or absence of disease (or any medical condition). You will need to share your test results with your physician, and the test results should be used as part of a complete medical examination.

Can HRRMC Laboratory bill insurance for a Direct Access Laboratory Test?

No. HRRMC Laboratory will not bill insurance or any third-party payers for DALT tests. HRRMC accepts cash, checks and credit cards, up front, at the time of service.

Will my insurance company reimburse me for the cost of tests?

Probably not. Since DALT tests are not ordered by a physician, most insurance companies will not reimburse you for the cost of the test. Please check with your insurance company.

Why don't insurance companies routinely cover these tests?

Because DALT tests are not ordered by a physician, insurance companies routinely do not cover these tests. Please check with your insurance company.

What will be required if I pick up my lab results in person?

HRRMC encourages you to receive your results by mail. Results will be mailed to you within four days of collection. Critical results or alert values will be called to you immediately upon result completion. If, for some reason, you must pick up your lab results in person, a lab supervisor must first review your results, and then a photo ID will be required to pick up your lab results.

What can I expect if a HRRMC Laboratory employee sustains an unexpected exposure to my blood?

The HRRMC Laboratory has a policy of testing patients' blood for Hepatitis B and HIV (AIDS) if an employee sustains an unexpected exposure to your blood during collection or testing. In the event of such exposure, the results of the above testing will also be provided to you.

Where can I get more information on the Direct Access Laboratory Tests?

If you are interested in more information about the DALT tests, general information is available at the following websites: www.webmd.com or www.labtestsonline.org.



Test Name	Price
Blood Chemistry <i>fasting recommended*</i> (Comprehensive Metabolic Panel [CMP], Lipid, TSH, Iron, Uric Acid)	\$30.00
Lipid Panel <i>fasting recommended*</i> (Included in Blood Chemistry, Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$20.00
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) (Included in Blood Chemistry, Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$20.00
Iron (Serum Iron) (Included in Blood Chemistry, Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$10.00
Uric Acid (Included in Blood Chemistry, Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$10.00
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	\$25.00
Serum Pregnancy Test	\$25.00
Hemoglobin A1c (HgA1c)	\$25.00
Blood Count (In Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$15.00
Vitamin D	\$40.00
Blood Type (ABO/Rh)	\$15.00
Glucose <i>fasting recommended*</i> (Included in Blood Chemistry, Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$10.00
Free Thyroxine (Free T4)	\$25.00
Ferritin	\$10.00
Women's Health Panel <i>fasting recommended*</i> (CMP, CBC, Lipid Panel, TSH, Urinalysis, Iron, Uric Acid)	\$60.00
Men's Health Panel <i>fasting recommended*</i> (CMP, CBC, Lipid Panel, TSH, PSA, Urinalysis, Iron, Uric Acid)	\$85.00
Urinalysis (In Men's & Women's Health Panels)	\$20.00

**Diabetics should not fast.*

The laboratory results of Direct Access Laboratory Testing (DALT) require additional expert interpretation and do not substitute for medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment, which should be based on your physician's professional judgment, including his/her review of your test results, the findings of physical examination, and the review of your personal and family medical history. DALT laboratory results are not sent to your physician. You are responsible for distribution of your reports to your physician and for scheduling a follow-up appointment to discuss your results with your physician.



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HRRMC Direct Access Laboratory Testing—an affordable way to monitor your health

What is Direct Access Laboratory Testing (DALT)?

Direct Access Laboratory Testing (DALT) is part of a wellness program offered by Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center (HRRMC) providing you the option to order selected lab tests on your own, from a limited DALT menu, without a physician's order. Your payment for the Direct Access Laboratory Test is required up front, by cash, check or credit card, along with an address and phone number.

Results will be mailed to you within four days of collection. If your results are critical results, requiring urgent medical attention by a physician, you will immediately be called with your results. A waiver explaining DALT specifics must be reviewed and signed prior to the draw. Persons under 18 years old will require a parent or legal guardian to sign.

When and where is this service available?

DALT is provided at HRRMC, 1000 Rush Drive, Salida, Colo. The Laboratory phone number is 719-530-2260. To order your DALT tests, register at the Patient Financial Services (PFS) desk at the hospital front entrance. DALT testing is offered 7:30 a.m. –7 p.m., Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, and 7:30 a.m.–noon on Sunday. On weekends, please register in the Emergency Department.

DALT is also offered at the HRRMC Buena Vista Health Center, 28374 C.R. 317, Buena Vista, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Register at the clinic's front desk to order your DALT tests.

How is DALT registration completed and payment made?

Read, sign, and date the HRRMC "Direct Access Laboratory Testing Consent" form and "Disclaimer and Waiver" form and bring them with you to register for the testing. Both forms can be downloaded and printed by clicking on the Direct Access Lab Testing button on the home page of our website, www.hrrmc.com. The PFS front desk attendant or the HRRMC Buena Vista Health Center receptionist can also provide you with the DALT waiver and consent forms. Pay for your desired tests with cash, check or credit card.

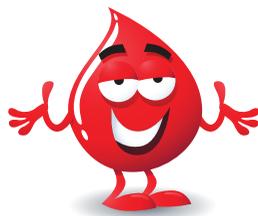
You will then be directed to the Laboratory Department waiting area for the testing. The Laboratory staff will answer any questions you have regarding the waiver information, before the draw occurs. Direct Access Laboratory Testing will not be billed to your insurance, and is usually not reimbursable to you by your insurance.

What Direct Access Lab Tests are available?

Seventeen tests (including four panels) are now available. The complete menu of tests is listed on the back page of this brochure.

Will I need special preparations or instructions for any of the tests?

For most of the tests, you will not need special preparations. However for some tests, fasting is recommended. A 12-hour fast is recommended for the Blood Chemistry, Lipid Panel, Women's Health Panel, Men's Health Panel, and Glucose testing, to obtain the most accurate results. If you have questions about what fasting involves, call the Laboratory at 719-530-2260.



What is the difference between Direct Access Lab Tests and HRRMC Laboratory physician ordered screens?

Results of Direct Access Lab Tests will not be stored in your HRRMC Medical Record. The results will only be available in a separate computer module that only Laboratory staff can access. Physicians do not have computer access to your DALT results, and results will not be stored in your HRRMC Clinic Record or HRRMC Hospital Medical Records. Because DALT tests have no physician referral, HRRMC cannot include the test results in patients' medical records. This means that physicians will not be responsible to act upon the results, unless you yourself distribute the DALT results to your physician and he/she agrees to accept and interpret your results.

It is important for you to take personal responsibility for your own health needs, obtaining appropriate medical follow-up care and treatment, as needed, if you receive low (L), high (H), low critical (LC) or high critical (HC) results. You should also be aware that results within the normal reference range do not ensure health.

How will you receive your results?

If you participate in DALT, your results will be mailed to you within four days of specimen collection. Any abnormal results will be flagged by: L – for low, H – for high, LC – for low critical, or HC – for high critical. It is recommended that you consult your physician or medical provider to discuss these results. Any medical follow-up appointments needed in response to the DALT results will need to be scheduled by you with your medical provider. If you do not currently have a medical provider, you are welcome to visit www.hrrmc.com and click on the Physicians menu for a list of local medical providers and their contact phone numbers.

What if testing yields critical results that potentially dangerous or require immediate attention?

It is mandatory that you provide a contact telephone number when completing your test requisition/order. If a result is obtained by the Laboratory that would require immediate medical attention (a critical result or alert result), you will be called at the telephone number you have provided and asked to immediately contact a physician, such as your personal physician or an emergency room physician. It is your responsibility to follow up accordingly.

What if I become ill or have problems after the lab blood draw, such as experiencing pain, bruising or prolonged bleeding at the venipuncture site?

If you experience any ill effects after the lab blood draw (pain, bruising or prolonged bleeding), you should immediately contact your physician or an emergency room physician.

What if I experience ill effects from a treatment I receive from my physician, based on the information provided by this program?

HRRMC agents, Laboratory staff/employees, Laboratory directors, and any volunteer personnel involved in this program are not liable for ill effects or poor outcomes of treatment, or lack of treatments, you receive, or don't receive, from your physician based on the results of this program.

Can I arrange to have the HRRMC Laboratory share my test results with my personal physician?

No. The HRRMC Laboratory will not send your Direct Access Laboratory Test results to your physician. It is your responsibility to send or share your test results with your personal physician.