

# **Guidelines for Research at the Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories**

#### Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Contact

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#### Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories can be found online at:

www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clinical-laboratory

# **Planning a study**

If you are planning a study that involves Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory testing, we can provide project planning assistance, sample submission requirements, and price quotes that will sustain the duration of your study.

- Information about available lab testing or price quotes can be obtained by: submitting a *Research Inquiry Form* via fax or email, emailing or calling Central Laboratory Receiving, or emailing the Research and Development Analyst.
- Available testing is listed on our website, in a searchable format. If you are interested in a test that is not listed, please contact our Research and Development Analyst.
- All hospital fees, including laboratory research fees, increase at the start of every fiscal year, July 1. We highly encourage researchers to factor in price increases when planning for a multi-year study (~10% annually).

## Ready to start a study?

To assist in accurate testing & billing, and to ensure that there are no delays in sample processing, we ask that all studies are registered with the laboratories one week prior to start date. To register a study, fill out and remit a *Research Study Registration*, available on our website.

- o University of California researchers: provide a valid grant number
- o Non-UC researchers: include a billing address and contact phone number. A client account will be created from the information provided, if you do not already have one.

## **Sample Submission**

- Research samples are accepted by Central Lab Receiving Monday Friday, 8am-8:30pm PST, except university holidays. Samples received late in the day may not be processed until the following business day.
- Samples may be hand-delivered to VMTH Room 1033 or mailed to the address listed above. If mailing samples, please ship via overnight delivery Monday – Thursday only, as package delivery is not available on weekends.
- All samples must be accompanied by a *Research Sample Submission* form. Forms are stored indefinitely with the laboratory and ensure that:
  - o Samples are accurately tracked through the laboratory
  - o Results are readily available, even months/years after sample submission
  - o Samples are stored at the correct condition post analysis
  - o Any additional notes about sample processing and storage are accurately communicated.

#### **Billing & Fees**

- Submissions to the Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories are billed through a VMTH client account. If you do not have a client account, one will be created upon Research Study Registration submission.
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