

Changes to Research Specimen Ordering

In an effort to streamline research lab ordering, Children's is now eliminating the use of Special Collection order for research. (This order will remain in effect for non-research use – i.e. hold urine for child advocacy). The reason for this is to make your life easier as a provider. In the past you ordered a sample as a special collection if processing was needed and Research Draw or Processing if processing was not needed. This created a lot of confusion and multiple orders for you as providers.

Effective October 1, 2018, you will only have 3 choices for entering research labs and the billing will be handled solely by the PTRU (your study coordinators are already aware):

- **Research Draw or Processing** → use this lab order for any blood work regardless if processing is needed or not
- **Research Draw or Processing – non-blood** → use this order for any urine, CSF, stool, or bone marrow samples, regardless if processing is needed or not
- **Research Project Lab Services Not Required** → use this order for when lab will not be involved with any portion of the sample collection or processing (i.e. studies that are fully run in TRU, EDTC, ICU, etc. where Children's lab will not be involved at all)

We hope this will simplify your life. If you have special collection saved in your preference list, remove and replace with the appropriate research order to your preference list. If you have any questions, please reach out to Beth Gissibl PTRU Manager or Tara Schmidt Laboratory Manager.