

# OVERVIEW

The mission of Aspen Valley Hospital (AVH) Laboratory is to provide personalized laboratory services, continuously improve access, quality, and cost effectiveness of laboratory services, and to promote wellness and encourage self-responsibility in health.

The laboratory provides services to AVH customers and patients of all ages in the following areas:

- Clinical Services
  - Chemistry, including Special Chemistry and Toxicology
  - Urinalysis
  - Serology
  - Hematology
  - Coagulation
  - Blood Banking-Transfusion Services
  - Microbiology, including Parasitology
  - Outreach Program, Outpatient Services
- Anatomical Pathology
  - Frozen sections

The laboratory is located on the first floor of AVH between the administrative offices and the Emergency Department. Staffing patterns are based on laboratory workload volume patterns throughout the year.

AVH Laboratory is staffed 24 hours a day. STAT testing will be performed on laboratory tests that are ordered as such by the patient's attending physician. Strict priority will be given to all testing ordered as "STAT." In the event of a life threatening emergency, it is recommended the ordering party notify the laboratory department of the STAT request via phone to verify communication of the request and ensure the highest priority be given to the STAT request.

Pathology Associates of the Roaring Fork Valley, PC provide clinical consulting 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Pathologists are Dr. Jerry Steinbrecher, M.D., Dr. Rob Macaulay, M.D., and Dr. Frank Holmes, M.D.

The AVH Laboratory serves scheduled outpatients from 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days per week. It is preferred that all laboratory outpatients obtain an appointment date and time for their blood draw through the AVH Diagnostic Scheduling Department at 970-544-1392. Although AVH will not deny service to unscheduled outpatients, patients with scheduled appointment times will be served before walk-in patients without an appointment.

Therapeutic phlebotomies are scheduled and performed only at **1:30 p.m.** or **2:30 p.m.** on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.**

Autologous blood donations are scheduled and performed only at **10:30 a.m.** or **11:30 a.m.** on **Wednesday.**