Having Blood Drawn / Lab Results

Your child had blood drawn today for lab tests. Your child's blood will be tested to:

- Help the doctor(s) find out why your child is ill.
- Check for possible problems (screening).
- Follow treatment(s) and/or medication(s) given to your child.

Sometimes blood must be drawn more than once in the same day. This may be because:

- The doctor has ordered additional tests.
- The level of medicine in your child's blood must be measured at certain times of the day.
- The lab results of the earlier blood tests need to be rechecked (or repeated).

The equipment used to draw your child's blood is sterile. It is thrown away after the blood is drawn.

After blood is drawn, watch for the following signs:

- If your child has bruising or puffiness to the area where blood was taken, apply a cold pack.
- If your child bleeds for a long time, apply gentle pressure to the site and call your child's doctor or the Children's Mercy Hospital Information Line at (816) 234-3188.

Test results will only be sent to your child's doctor. Please ask your child's doctor when to expect the test results. Some test take a few hours for results to be available, while other tests may take 2 to 3 days or longer for final results. Also, ask if and when you need to call for further medical instructions.