

To facilitate physician referrals, call:
(901) 287-7337 or (866) 870-5570

Pathology/ Laboratory Medicine

Pathology and laboratory medicine at Le Bonheur provides diagnostic and evaluative services with a pediatric focus. Our staff uses state-of-the-art laboratory equipment that accommodates small, pediatric-size samples. Pathologists and clinical staff are specially trained to work with infants and children and in detecting and interpreting test abnormalities and disease states that are specific to children.

Experienced pediatric pathologists with clinical and anatomic pathology experience perform a complete range of diagnostic laboratory services including pediatric surgical pathology, molecular pathology, dermatopathology, cytology, gastrointestinal pathology, hematopathology and transfusion medicine. Pathologists work with all pediatric specialties to provide the best diagnostic services and serve as a regional reference for many procedures. Phlebotomists are specially trained to obtain blood samples from pediatric patients.

Molecular Laboratory

Le Bonheur Children's Hospital's Molecular Lab has been named a Molecular Center of Excellence (MCOE) by Roche Diagnostics. Le Bonheur is just the second children's hospital to earn MCOE status and joins a group of 35 MCOE laboratories across the country. Le Bonheur's molecular lab is led by Technical Director **Anami Patel, PhD**, and Medical Director **John DeVincenzo, MD**. Le Bonheur's Molecular Lab currently conducts 15 tests, including RSV and Influenza A and B, leading causes of childhood illness. The lab played a key role in diagnosing local cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza, ensuring Mid-South children received timely and appropriate care. The Le Bonheur Molecular Lab also serves as a reference lab for several Mid-South hospitals and physicians - offering its cutting-edge molecular technology to the community. Established in 2002, Roche's MCOE Program is designed to create an alliance network that enables regional laboratories across the United States to collaborate and capitalize on scientific knowledge in molecular testing and, in turn, help accelerate the advancement of new test methods and technology.

Services provided at Le Bonheur's location include:

- Specimen collection
- Sweat chloride testing
- Routine and specialized testing in the following disciplines: hematology, coagulation, chemistry, urinalysis, transfusion services, virology, immunology, microbiology, molecular diagnostics
- Pediatric pathology

Scheduling

- For outpatient laboratory tests, the laboratory must have a signed laboratory requisition that is either faxed to the laboratory or brought to the laboratory by the patient. The requisition must contain medical necessity documentation for each test ordered including the ICD9 code(s).
- The LEAN Core Laboratory provides a turn around time of less than 25 minutes for most tests.
- Patient instructions for specific tests will be provided when the appointment is scheduled.
- Services are provided in close cooperation with the patient's referring physician.
- For sweat chloride testing, patients must be scheduled for sweat specimen collection between 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule this test, please call (901) 287-6073.

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