



# Your Blood Sample: What Happens Next?

1. As a routine screening, or based on how you feel, your doctor orders blood tests.



Your pathologist often consults with your doctor to ensure you receive the right test for you.

2. Your blood samples are collected and sent to the laboratory.



Pathologists are the doctors who set and monitor lab quality.



3. In the laboratory, your blood samples are analyzed.



Your pathologist reviews and interprets your test results. Urgent tests are always performed first.



4. Your results are sent to your doctor.



Your pathologist provides a report with your test results. This along with other vital information determines your diagnosis and informs your treatment plan.



Learn more about the pathologist's role in your health care

Laboratory tests account for

**94%**

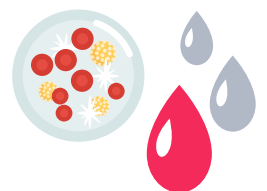
of the data in a patient's health record.



Pathologists and laboratory testing inform

**70%**

of all medical decisions.



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