

## Mobile Phlebotomy Ammonia Draws

**Many of our partners have asked –** *Why do you no longer allow your mobile phlebotomists to draw Ammonia's?*

Our leadership decided effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 our mobile phlebotomy teams will no longer offer Ammonia testing to be collected based on quality patient care.

Ammonia draws require sensitive handling of the specimen after drawing.

The specimen must be spun (centrifuged) and the plasma must be removed from the cells within 15 minutes or the specimen will NOT be acceptable for testing.

Our laboratories still performs Ammonia collection and testing, but patients will need to travel to an outpatient hospital lab or a clinic setting to be tested.

We realize this decision is not popular; however quality patient care has to be top priority.

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