



# Lab Requirements

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**Desert Radiology follows lab recommendations in accordance with guidelines provided by the American College of Radiology (ACR).**

## **MRI - NEW for 2020**

Patients are not required to have labs prior to an MRI exam with contrast. This includes patients with a history of renal disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and patients currently receiving dialysis. Please note that for patients on dialysis, treatment **MUST** be administered within 24 hours of contrast injection.

Patients scheduled for exams that will use EOVIST contrast (select MRI abdomen exams) will be pre-screened to determine the need for labs. If labs are determined necessary, patient will be required to have BUN / CREATININE labs ordered.

**Labs can be no older than 6 weeks from date of exam.**

## **CT**

Patient with a history of high blood pressure that requires medication, diabetes, renal disease, or patients on dialysis must have BUN / CREATININE labs ordered. This lab requirements also applies if patient is 60 years or older. **Labs can be no older than 6 weeks from date of exam.**

## **Special Procedures [PICC Lines, Ports, CT Guided Biopsies]**

Patients are required to have a CBC, PT/INR prior to procedure. **ALL labs for these exams will be ordered and coordinated by our DVI staff.**

## **Paracentesis, Thoracentesis, Lumbar Puncture & Myelogram**

Patient must not be taking any aspirin, Plavix, Ticlid or blood thinners. If patient is on any of these medications, they must wait 5 days before completing exam. Patients taking daily blood thinners Coumadin, Warfain, or Jantoven must stop taking medication 5 days prior to procedure with their doctor's approval.

Patients **must have lab work completed one day prior to their procedure.** Labs required are PT, PTT, INR, and PLATELETS.

**If patient has known liver disease, labs are good for 30 days only.**

**If patient has no liver disease or coagulation disorders, labs are good for 60 days.**