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 & Myleogram

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.