

2015 Western Michigan University Walk-on Athletic Physicals & Sickle Cell Testing

Welcome to Western Michigan University. This information is provided to help answer any questions you may have about sickle cell and athletic physical testing. ***Although results can be back sooner, please allow 3-5 business days from the day of your physical for you to receive your results.***

I need a physical and sickle cell testing for the athletic department. How do I do that?

Sindecuse Health Center, on campus, will be happy to assist you in meeting this requirement. You **MUST** make an appointment to have a physical done at Sindecuse. During summer months, appointments hours are 8:15 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The easiest way to schedule your appointment is to do it online at www.Sindecuse.com. You will need your Western Identification Number, or WIN for this process. If you have not received your WIN yet, you can call Sindecuse during business hours at 269-387-3290 to set up an appointment time. Testing not needed for Dance or Cheerleading tryouts/membership.

What should I bring with me to my appointment?

You will need your insurance card(s) if you have insurance and identification, your BroncoNet ID card will work great! Also, don't forget to bring the Medical Records release form so you can pick up the results when testing is returned.

What can I expect while I'm at Sindecuse?

When you come to Sindecuse arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time, park in the gated lot and then come inside to register so we know you are here. We'll gather your contact information and insurance. Then you will see the medical assistant who will take your vital signs and make sure you are ready to see the clinician. The clinician will talk with you to understand your medical background and do a physical assessment. When that is complete, the clinician will order the sickle cell test and send you to the lab (in the lower level of Sindecuse) where the staff will draw some blood for the test.

Do I have to have my physical at Sindecuse?

No, but Sindecuse is a convenient option if you need us!

What if I already had a qualifying physical and just need the sickle cell testing?

You can have the sickle cell testing drawn at Sindecuse by making an appointment in the lab (269) 387-3245 or any other lab you choose. You need to have a lab order from your provider. ***Sindecuse cannot order sickle cell testing for you unless you have a physical with a Sindecuse provider.***

A lab order **MUST** include:

- your name and date of birth
- test name and diagnosis
- provider name, address, phone **AND** fax number, and provider signature

You can bring the order with you or have your provider FAX the order to the lab (269) 387-2233. Follow the parking and registration directions as above.

How much will all this cost?

You are responsible for the athletic physical charge, which starts at \$50. If you provide insurance information, we will submit your lab drawing fee from Sindecuse to your insurance company. Sickle cell testing is sent to our reference lab, Borgess Medical Center. We will forward any insurance information you have provided. Borgess will bill you separately for any outstanding balances. The Borgess billing department can be reached at (269) 226- 7281, should you have any questions about sickle cell charges.

When can I pick up my results?

Since you've already brought back the Medical Records release, we'll process the request as soon as we receive results. You may stop by the Sindecuse Welcome Desk three (3) business days after your appointment to see if your results are ready to return to the Athletic Department.