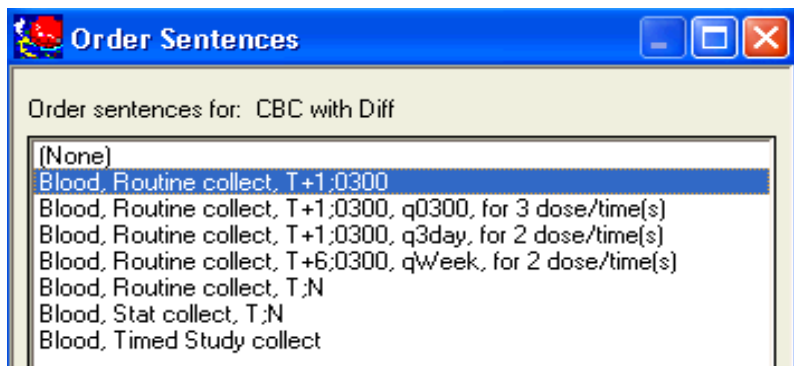## *Anatomy of an Order Sentence:*

An Order Sentence or Order String contains details of the order like time and frequency.

In this Lab example, choosing (None) will require more clicks later to complete necessary information like the timing and frequency. None may be appropriate in certain circumstances, as when a very specific frequency is required for a drug or lab.

Choosing an Order Sentence usually saves steps. Typically, routine AM labs are ordered. Highlight the order sentence shown below where T+1;0300 means draw the lab today plus one day or tomorrow, T= today at 0300.

The order sentence below, associated with a CBC defines the order as:

- a Blood specimen.

- to be collected Routinely.

- T;N means the specimen would be drawn Today and Now. Now is defined as the next time the phlebotomist comes to that unit, typically within 1-2 hours.

This order sentence is defined as:

- A Blood specimen.

- To be collected Stat. Stat means the specimen will be drawn within 30 minutes or sooner.
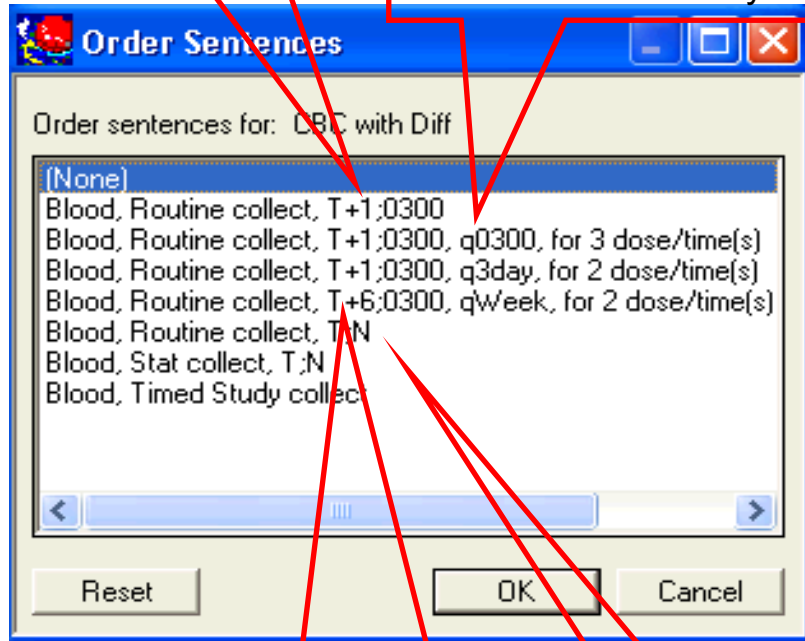

This order sentence is defined as:

- A Blood specimen.

- Draw as a Timed Study, requires a DATE and TIME to be entered by provider.

More Definitions:

-Blood Specimen

-Routine collection

-T+1 =Today plus one day (tomorrow)

-0300 is regular early AM draw time

-Blood Specimen

-Routine collection

-T+1 is Today plus one day or tomorrow

-0300 is regular early AM draw time

-will be done for 3 days

Order Sentences

Order sentences for: CBC with Diff

[None]
Blood, Routine collect, T+1;0300
Blood, Routine collect, T+1;0300, q0300, for 3 dose/time(s)
Blood, Routine collect, T+1;0300, q3day, for 2 dose/time(s)
Blood, Routine collect, T+6;0300, qWeek, for 2 dose/time(s)
Blood, Routine collect, T;N
Blood, Stat collect, T;N
Blood, Timed Study collect

Reset   OK   Cancel

T+6; 0300, q week, for 2 times means the lab will drawn in 1 week for 2 weeks in a row.

T=Today

N=Now

The Order Sentence below is for an antibiotic. It is for 125mg, oral, capsule, every 6 hours for 1 week.

168 hr = 1 week = 7 days

125 mg, PO (oral), Cap, q6hr, for 168 hr

These order sentences are for Stool Occult Blood. Three sequential specimens are needed. The first order below is a Stat collection, Today and Now, once, for the nurse to collect.

Stool, Stat collect, T;N, Once, Nurse collect

The next two specimens will be collected over hours or days, but the computer "understands" it as simply two other sequential orders. Hence, the Today;Now + 60minutes and Today;Now + 120 minutes.

Stool, Routine collect, T;N+60, Nurse collect

Stool, Routine collect, T;N+120, Nurse collect