HEALTH AWARENESS

Get Your Lab Test Appointment In Advance

(NAPSA)—First you are worried about a physical symptom and go to see your doctor. Then you have to find the time to get the lab tests done before you can get the appropriate treatment.

Managing schedules and protecting time have become more important than ever, and fitting in even a routine blood test can be a challenge, particularly when the laboratory, like most in the U.S., does not take appointments.

Fortunately, there is a new option for patients—appointment scheduling. Patients across the nation visiting a Quest Diagnostics Patient Service Center can schedule appointments in advance—online or by phone—24 hours a day, seven days a week. Quest Diagnostics is the first diagnostic testing lab in the country to offer such a service.

A recent survey revealed that patients found the service easy to use and plan to use it again in the future. Patients benefit because they can set appointments around work, school, and other important obligations, more conveniently fitting laboratory tests, which are important to their overall health care, into their busy schedules.

After arriving at the Quest Diagnostics Patient Service Center at their scheduled time,

Lab appointment scheduling is a convenience that lets patients get on with their busy lives.

patients will be seen promptly by a phlebotomist who is trained to put the patient at ease.

"Our appointment scheduling system gives our patients an unprecedented level of control over their diagnostic testing experience, which in turn can alleviate the anxiety some people feel," explained Joyce Schwartz, M.D., vice president and chief laboratory officer. "In today's fast-paced society, appointment scheduling is a wonderful convenience that lets patients get in and out of our centers and on to their busy lives."

Schedule appointments 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.questdiagnostics.com or by calling (888) 277-8772 toll free. While appointments are encouraged, walk-in patients are welcome.