



Labtech Diagnostics

At the Forefront of
Clinical Laboratory Medicine

SPECIMEN LABELLING

GET IT STRAIGHT. REDUCE THE WAIT.
LABELS MUST BE INTACT AND READABLE

PROPERLY LABELED

Make sure initials (if added) do not interfere with bar code

-Place label directly under cap
-Name at the top of the tube
-Barcode straight along the length of the tube
-Place label on top of manufacturer label
-Leave visible window to see blood

DOUBLE CHECK ALL LABELS BEFORE SENDING
Required Patient Info → Name, DOB, Date of Draw

-Place only one label on each tube
-Send all extra labels in the pocket of the specimen bag

UNACCEPTABLE

Wrong Orientation Upside Down Crooked Wrong Orientation

Scrunched Bunched Wrinkled

To prevent the possibility of an adverse patient outcome resulting from a specimen mix-up or misidentification, label all blood tubes and other specimen containers at the patient's side with the patient's:

- **First and last names (no initials or nicknames)**
- **Date of birth**
- **Date and time of collection**
- **The name on the tubes must EXACTLY match the name on the requisition.**
- **Use a separate transport bag for each patient's specimens and requisitions. Do not combine several patients' specimens into one bag.**

Proper specimen collection, handling, labeling and transport are essential for accurate laboratory results. The Joint Commission and the College of American Pathologists (CAP) have designated patient safety goals and requirements that are redefined annually. Our number one goal is to ensure positive patient and specimen identification. We require that at least two patient identifiers (neither being the patient's location) be used to label specimen collection containers in the presence of the patient. The use of two patient identifiers on all specimens will ensure accurate linkage of the patient, the specimen, and the test results.

Should you have any questions concerning the above information, please feel free to call customer service. As always, have a good day!

Best regards,

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