



PPA0712JA3 Labelling Requirements and Application for Laboratory Sample Collections

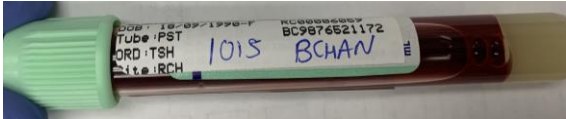
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- Before collection: Take label(s) to patient and compare to identification wrist band. Verbally confirm patient identification using at least two unique identifiers (state first name, DOB and spell last name).
- All patient demographics including last name, first name, DOB and hospital number (inpatients)/PHN (outpatients) must match exactly before proceeding.
- After collection at the bedside write your (collector) name/computer mnemonic, time and date of collection on the label (as seen in pictures below).
- Transfusion testing: Sign tube with computer mnemonic and time. Applying the label to the tube and then transcribe the hospital number directly from the patient wristband onto the labeled tube.
- Microbiology and Surgical Pathology / Cytology specimens: When labeling include the source, your computer mnemonic, time and date.
- Proper positioning of label is necessary to facilitate testing of specimen on laboratory instruments. Misaligned labels or missing information will delay testing.


Properly Labeled Blood Tube

- Label in correct position on tube
- Signed with collector ID, time and date



Properly Labeled Transfusion Medicine Tube


- Label in correct position on tube
- Signed with collector ID, time and date
- Unit number hand written from armband to labels



Incorrectly Labeled Blood Tubes



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