

Specimen Labeling

- All specimen labels must be validated with patient's ID band before placement on specimen container.
- Tubes/containers must be labeled at the patient's bedside immediately after collection of specimen and before leaving patient's bedside. This is done in the presence of the patient. (Tubes and containers must not be labeled in advance of the collection.)
- Labels for urine specimens are to be placed on the specimen container after collection. Do not place on the lid.
- Original containers are labeled, not the item used to transport, e.g. specimen bag.
- The name of the person collecting the specimen and an accurate time of collection must be noted on the laboratory requisition or entered in EPIC.
- If the requisition and specimens submitted with requisition do not match, it is considered a mislabel and the Lab will not accept it.
- If the mislabeled, unlabeled specimen is considered irreplaceable, the individual who collected the specimen must go to the Lab and complete an "Un/mislabeled Specimen Documentation Form": supplied by lab employee.