Packaging Lab Specimens “On Ice” (Cont.)

CORRECT

Placing the specimen in the outside pocket of the lab bag ensures that the sample is being kept at a refrigerated temperature, while also preserving the integrity of the patient label.

Please place the bagged specimen on ice into a second biohazard bag with the requisition and seal shut.

Versus Packaging Lab Samples “In Ice”

INCORRECT

When packing the tube inside of the bag of ice (see left), the label will disintegrate (see right).

Often, the label is illegible on the specimen received, which the lab then must treat as a mislabel.

Safety Note: This can potentially result in a second blood draw for the patient.