General Specimen Labeling Policy

Specimen labeling is critical for proper identification of patient specimens. All specimens must be labeled with the following information:

1. Patient's Full Legal name and Date of Birth are required on BOTH the specimen tube and must match the requisition/order - Avoid nicknames! If using your facility's pre-printed label, please make sure the label is securely attached to the specimen.

2. Collection date and time. The specimen labeling information must be identical to the patient information provided on the accompanying test requisition/order.

Label all slides in pencil with the patient's full Legal name and DOB on the frosted end of the slide. Do not use markers or labels as they may wash off during the staining process.

In All cases label the actual specimen, not the mailing or transport container.

Incomplete, inaccurate, or illegible requests may be rejected.