Result integrity is dependent on the integrity of the specimen and the completeness of the order requisition. The following elements should be provided on the test requisition and or the specimen:

- Patient’s full legal name (first, middle initial, and last name)
- Patient’s Date of Birth
- Patient’s sex
- Date and time of collection
- Initials of collecting individual
- Patient’s MRN if applicable
- Tests requested
- Last menstrual period (prenatal screening)
- Source of specimen (non-blood)
- Clinical information when appropriate
- Physician’s name and address
- Physician signature

Complete demographic, provider information and diagnosis on the order requisition will help to ensure accurate and complete patient billing.

Federal, state and professional regulatory agencies require complete and appropriate specimen identification including. All specimens should be labeled with a minimum of the following information:

**In-patient**

- Full name (First, last and middle initial)
- Patient medical record number

**Out-patient**

- Full name (First, last and middle initial)
- Date of birth