

SPECIMEN-LABELING GUIDELINES

Adult size tubes

- Verify name on sample label against patient's admission armband
- Always label at the bedside
- Write date, time and initials on sample label



- Apply label so barcode is straight with last name near lid



- For Blood Bank samples, remember to apply BBID# (not required for neonates under 4 months)



Microtainers

- Write date, time and initials on sample label
- Place the **IDX label** on microtainer with barcode near the cap
- Place the **PathNet labels** in the outside pocket of the biohazard bag



ORDER OF DRAW

YELLOW	SPS tubes and blood cultures	1
CULTURES		
LT. BLUE	Gently invert 8 times. Plasma. Should not clot. Fill to line.	2
GOLD	Gently invert 5 times. Serum. Clots.	3
RED		
GREEN	Gently invert 8 times. Plasma. Should not clot.	4
LT. GREEN		
PURPLE		
PINK	Gently invert 8 times. Plasma. Should not clot.	5
TAN		
GRAY	Gently invert 8 times. Plasma. Should not clot.	6
	When drawing below an IV site, recommended shut off time is 2 minutes.	7



For proper additive performance, gently invert tubes. **DO NOT SHAKE**