**CORRECT LABELING**

- Put slip over tube label
- Label needs to be vertical
- Don't write on tail end

**Patient’s full name EXACTLY as on the arm band or registration including middle initial**

**Unique identifier: MRUN or DOB**

**Collector’s 2 or 3 block initials (legible) - this indicates that you have properly identified the patient**

**Date and Time**

**Specimen source for microbiology or other non-blood source**

**Label specimen in the presence of the patient**

**INCORRECT LABELING**

- Don’t put label over open space
  - RE: Analyzers cannot check for hemolysis or short samples

- Don’t twist label around tube
  - RE: Analyzers cannot read the barcode

- Don’t put the label over tube top
  - RE: Some tests require the removal of the tops

- Don’t put labels over cap
  - RE: Once cap is off you would have an unlabeled specimen

**NOTE:** When the labels are put on correctly, the barcodes can be read and the techs can see the sample. This will improve turn around time and help you get your results quicker.