



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.