

BLOOD SPECIMEN LABELING

The laboratory has the responsibility to make sure all information is relayed in a manner that it follows the doctor's orders precisely. It is also our responsibility that the specimens drawn are labeled correctly to ensure that the patient's results are actually his/hers at the time of collection.

1. When the orders are placed in the Meditech system from the outpatient department, labels will print in the appropriate drawing area.
2. Check the orders against the doctor's orders if you are in the outpatient department. If the patient is in the hospital, there is no need to check the doctor's orders.
3. Look at the specimen requirements for each of the tests to be drawn. Be sure to draw these tubes for each test.
4. At the bedside or tableside of the patient, write your initials and time on EVERY label that is to be placed on each tube. Refer to Barcode Labeling of Specimens procedure for label placement.
5. Label ALL tubes with the appropriate initialed labels.
6. If a tube is not labeled or is labeled incorrectly (ex. wrong patient's name), the specimen is not accepted and the patient(s) will have to be redrawn.

Approved:

Date:

