



**TITLE: BLOOD BANK SAMPLE COLLECTION AND LABELING**

A. Request form must include:

1. Patient's full name
2. DOB
3. Medical Record # (if available)
4. Provider ordering
5. Tests ordered: including number of units to be crossmatched

B. Acceptable Specimens: Pink EDTA tube

- All samples submitted for crossmatch or pre-infusion testing must be labeled with the white blood bank wristband label peeled from the red blood bank wristband.
- Samples submitted may be used for up to 72 hours.
- All infusions must be started prior to 72 hours from the time the blood sample was collected.

Unacceptable Specimens:

- Hemolyzed specimens
- Tubes not drawn specifically for blood bank
- Pretransfusion sample does not have wristband label
- Pink tube with clots
- Samples >72 hours old
- Discrepancy in identification information

C. Procedure

1. Verify patient's date of birth and correct spelling of name by:
  - a. Asking patient to state his/her name, correct spelling, and DOB.  
OR
  - b. If the patient cannot answer questions, obtain the information from the patient's caregiver or nurse. If a hospital wristband has been applied, check it in addition to the caregiver or nurse.
2. Collect blood sample.  
Label at the time of collection with:
  - Patient's full name
  - DOB or medical record number
  - Date of collection
  - Phlebotomist initials
  - Label from blood bank wristband (if applicable)

3. The person obtaining the blood sample MUST complete the label on the blood bank wristband and attach it to the patient at the time the blood is obtained.
  - a. Press hard with ballpoint pen.
  - b. PT: is the patient's name.
  - c. MR#: is the patient's medical record number or DOB if medical record number not available.
  - d. DATE: is the date of collection.
  - e. TIME: is the time of collection.
  - f. PB: is the initials of the person that drew the blood.
  - g. Detach tail with 14 small pre-numbered labels at perforation after last hole.
  - h. Remove the white label with patient information from the wristband and attach to the pre-numbered labels
  - i. Attach the label to the drawn tube of blood (pre-numbered labels hanging off tube).
  - j. Size band around patient's wrist and close plastic snap, cut off any excess band.
  - k. For increased length, attach white extension band to third hole of blood band. Size band and close snap.
  - l. Place one small numbered label on to the computer label order and one onto the outpatient laboratory requisition.

NOTES:

- If there is evidence the wristband has been cut or removed, a new wristband will be applied, and the blood bank workup will be redrawn and retested.
- A new wristband will be applied every time a new blood bank sample is required for possible transfusion.