



WRISTBANDS FOR BLOOD BANK

A blood bank wristband system utilizing an alphanumeric system positively identifies patients, all samples drawn and corresponding paperwork.

1. Verify patient's date of birth and correct spelling of name:
 - a. Ask patient to state his/her name with correct spelling (if needed) 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. Verify patient name and date of birth on hospital wristband with the patient orders. If a discrepancy is uncovered, it must be resolved before the patient's blood is drawn.
3. Record the patient's name, date of birth or medical record number, today's date, time, and phlebotomist's initials on the large white label of the wristband. Use a pen and press hard.
4. Wrap the band around the patient's wrist (or ankle). Place 2 fingers under the band before closing the snap to allow some slack in the band.
5. Close the snap.
6. Detach the tail of the wristband at the perforation after the last hole.
7. Remove the white label. Stick one end of the tail of numbers to the underside of the white label and place the label on the blood bank sample.
8. Place one small numbered label to the computer label order or the outpatient laboratory requisition.
9. Blood bank wristbands can only be placed on the patient by the person drawing the blood.
10. Removal of the band means the patient will be redrawn and testing will be repeated.