

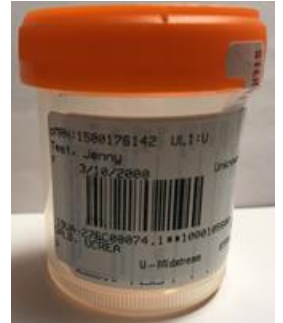


Blood specimens must be labeled before leaving the side of the patient, after the tubes have been filled.<sup>1</sup>

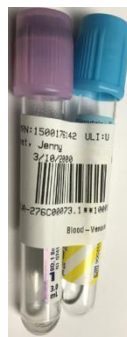
## Correct Labelling



- ✓ Place label directly under the lid
- ✓ Name at the top
- ✓ Barcode straight and not wrinkled
- ✓ Leave a window to keep blood visible
- ✓ Keep the colored stripe visible (shows the tube type)



## Problem Labels Cause Delays

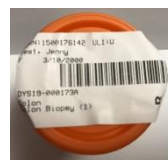


**X** Label torn or wrinkled

**X** Label wrapped or twisted

**X** Name upside down or label at the bottom

**X** Label flagged



**X** Label covers the lid

### Reference

1. CLSI. *Collection of Diagnostic Venous Blood Specimens*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. CLSI standard GP41. Wayne, Pennsylvania: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, 2017.

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