

SPECIMEN LABELING

Proper specimen identification and labeling

Positive specimen identification

According to Labcorp's laboratory accreditation agency, all primary specimen containers must be labeled with two identifiers at the time of collection.

In order for a specimen to be considered to have positive identification, the test request form (TRF) and each related specimen container must contain exactly the same name and unique patient identifier.

Examples of acceptable identifiers include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Patient's name
- Patient's date of birth
- Patient's Social Security number
- Hospital number
- Requisition number
- Accession number
- Unique random number

A location (e.g., hospital room number) is not an acceptable identifier.

Two identifiers



Specimen labeling

Use of Labcorp-provided specimen collection containers is always advised. Contact your local Labcorp Service Representative for collection devices. In many cases, the collection devices and labels provided by Labcorp are selected to be used in conjunction with Labcorp's automated laboratory systems.

Labels placed on containers that were not provided by Labcorp may have to be trimmed to accommodate our analyzers.

Incorrect



Correct

