



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

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*, 7th ed. CLSI standard GP41. Wayne, Pennsylvania: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, 2017.

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