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Required Labeling for Blood Bank Testing

Tests for which Blood Bank labeling requirements apply:

ABO & Rh Type	Antibody Titer	Antibody Identification
Antibody Screen	Direct Antiglobulin Testing (DAT)	OB Panels
Type & Screen	Type & Crossmatch	

Specimen Labeling Requirements:

The following information is determined to be **MANDATORY** to allow a positive patient identification for all blood bank specimens and must be present on the sample tube and requisitions:

- ❑ Patient Full name (Last Name, First Name, & MI if known)
- ❑ Patient Date of Birth
- ❑ Unique identifier or facility permanent identification number (refer to specifics listed below)
- ❑ Date/Time Specimen Collected
- ❑ Phlebotomist initials

Special Hand Labeling Requirement for Transfusion-Related Testing:
(Type & Screen, Type & Crossmatch, and/or Crossmatch only testing)

- ❑ Blood bank specimens drawn for the possibility of transfusion of blood products must be **labeled completely before leaving the side of the patient by the person drawing the sample**.
- ❑ Specimens labeled with only a computer generated specimen label **must have date of birth labeled on tube. (**specimen will be discarded if not properly labeled, and patient will need to be redrawn and labeled appropriately for testing.

Other REQUIRED information must be present either on the requisition or electronic order or sample tube (not mandatory on the tube).

- ❑ Initials of person collecting specimen may be used or name of person collecting the specimen
- ❑ Patient gender
- ❑ Test(s) to be performed
- ❑ Ordering provider
- ❑ Complete patient billing and coding information if Yankton is requested to bill for testing

Unique Patient Identification Number/Date of Birth:

For Yankton outreach blood bank testing, the facility assigns a number that is considered the unique patient identification number. This unique patient identification number must be present on both the specimen tube submitted for testing and on the requisition. The patient's date of birth allows a complete blood bank patient historical verification on previous testing that has been performed on this patient within the Yankton system. This historical verification assists with identifying potential specimen collection and testing errors.

Special Note: All labeling on the specimen tube(s) must be identical to the requisition/test request. If not identical, testing will not be performed until the client is contacted and discrepancy resolved. Specimen labeling or requisition discrepancies that do not allow positive patient identification and discrepancy is not straightforward omission or clerical/transcription error will require that the specimen be discarded and testing will not be performed. Examples of obvious omission/clerical errors include: inversing letter in names –Nielsen/Neilsen; common suffix misspelling – Nielsen/Nielson; date of birth or ID number 1 digit variance; shortened/nickname – Barbara/Barb or Thomas/Tom