

****REMINDER****

Important Blood Bank Specimen Labeling Requirements for Beaumont Laboratory Outreach Clients.

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It's a matter of patient safety. Every day, specimens are received with crack and peel label only; last name with only a first initial; no patient name; a name on the label that does not match the name exactly as it appears on the requisition; or **no** labeling at all. Studies have shown improperly labeled specimens are **40 times more likely** to be a “wrong patient’s blood in tube event.” Improperly labeled or unlabeled specimens cause delays in receiving your test results and may lead to catastrophic medical errors. **Do not let this happen to your patient!**
Reference: The Joint Commission, National Patient Safety Goals, NPSG 1 – Patient Identification, Two Patient Identifiers.

Blood Bank Specimens: Must have correct full name AND at least one more unique identifier.
Unique Identifiers include:

1. Beaumont Medical Record Number
2. Crack and Peep Number
3. Atlas Foreign Barcode Number

NOTE: Date of Birth and Social Security Number are **NOT** unique identifiers, but if it is written on specimen, it **must be correct** or the specimen will not be considered valid for testing purposes corresponding with policies dictated by the FDA and other accrediting organizations as well as Beaumont standards for patient safety practices.

Date of collection should be on the sample as well.

Handwriting needs to be legible.

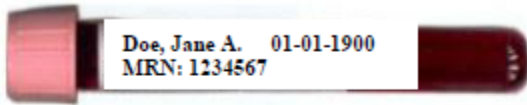
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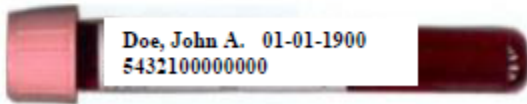
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Correct Labeling for Blood Bank Specimens:



→ Example of Correct Name and MRN



→ Example of Correct Name and Crack
And Peel or Atlas Foreign Barcode number

Blood Bank specimens with NOT be tested if any one of the following conditions exists:

- Incorrect spelling of name
- Name on specimen does not match the name on the requisition **EXACTLY**
- Any extra information written on sample that does not match the requisition **EXACTLY**
(Ex: Date of Birth)
- Quantity not sufficient for testing
- In there are not two (2) unique identifiers on the specimen

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