

Patient Identity and Specimen Labeling

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With the implementation of EPIC Beaker in April, Beaumont Laboratory is standardizing our expectations for specimen labeling and patient identity. These requirements are set in place to meet our accreditation and corporate policies to ensure patient safety.

Specimen Labeling-2 patient identifiers on all specimens

Acceptable patient identifiers include:

- Patient's full legal name
- Patient's Date of Birth
- Patient's Beaumont Medical Record Number
- If applicable, Crack and Peel label from matching Beaumont Laboratory requisition

Patient Identity-3 patient identifiers

All Beaumont Laboratory paperwork must be submitted with a minimum of three legible patient identifiers (two required and one permissible).

Required paperwork identifiers include:

- Patient's full legal name
- Patient's Date of Birth

Include one additional identifier from this list on the patient order:

- Patient's Beaumont Medical Record Number
- Patient's current address
- Patient's phone number
- Patient's full Social Security number (last 4 digits are acceptable only if Beaumont's computer system already has the full Social Security number entered)

These requirements will ensure that all patient records are linked and properly identified. Failure to provide three patient identifiers will result in delays in specimen processing and therefore test results.

If you have questions, please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy: 800-551-0488 or 248-551-1155, Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne: 800-245-3725, Option 1

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