



Safe Transfusion Starts With Me!

Specimen Labelling

- 👉 Only one patient should be bled / processed at a time
 - 👉 Never pre-label the specimen tubes
 - 👉 The person taking the blood is responsible for ensuring correct labelling of the specimen
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- ✓ Ask the patient where possible to state / spell their full name, date of birth & check these details & the hospital number against the identification band securely fastened to the patient
 - ✓ Check that the details on the request form are identical to the those confirmed above
 - ✓ Label the tube at the patient's side immediately after the blood is added & attach the Yellow Transfusion Identification sticker
 - ✓ Confirm that the sample, request form & patient details all match
 - ✓ Sign / initial the sample & request form to indicate that you have confirmed the patient details
 - ✓ Complete the transfusion wrist band details with correctly spelt surname, first name & initial, & Hospital record number
 - ✓ A Yellow sticker with the Transfusion Identification Number must be placed in the correct patient's case note

What you must always ensure is on the sample tube

- ☞ Patients surname, given name(s) in full
- ☞ Hospital record number and / or date of birth
- ☞ Date & time of collection
- ☞ Signature or initials of collector

& Yellow sticker with the Transfusion Identification Number

***Samples that do not conform shall be discarded
by the Blood Transfusion Service***

Verify correct patient identity at every step of the transfusion process

Right Patient - Right Blood