



# 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**
  - ✓ **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**

### **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

***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**

