



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 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

