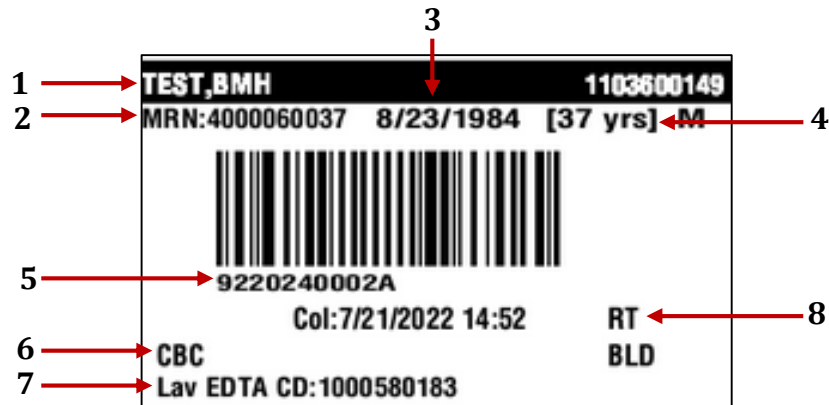
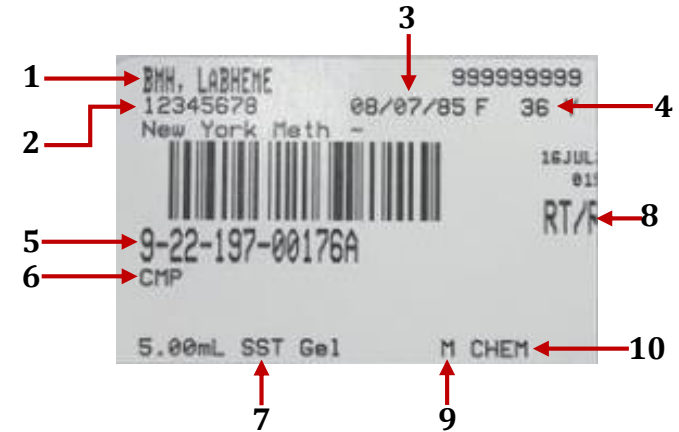


Specimen Label Key

EPIC Label



Cerner Label



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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Patient Name | 6. Test/s |
| 2. MRN | 7. Collection Tube Required |
| 3. Date of Birth | 8. Priority (STAT/Routine) |
| 4. Age | 9. M = Methodist Approved Test |
| 5. Accession Number | 10. Lab Department |

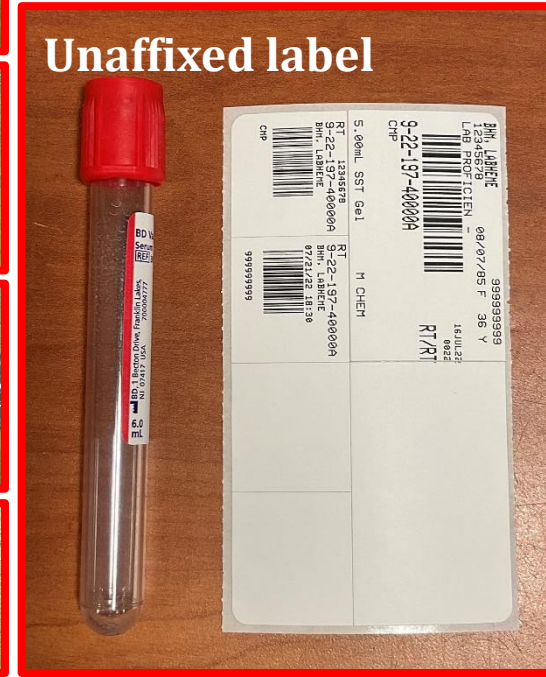
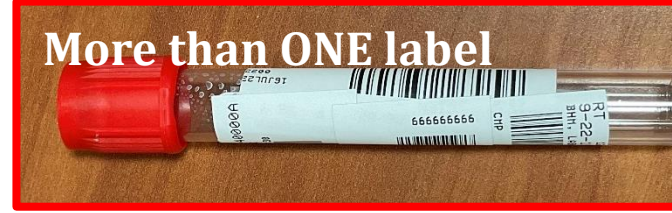
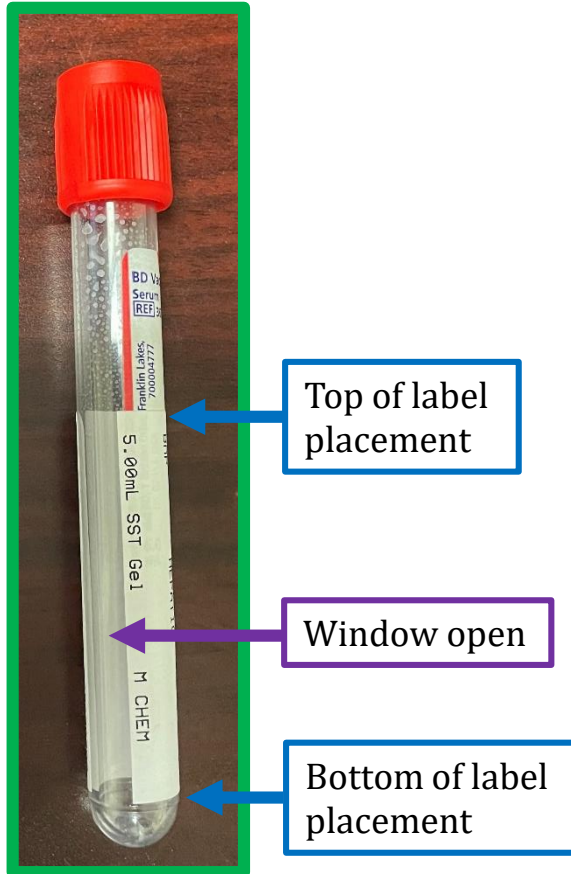
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Vacutainer Labeling Guide

How to properly label a vacutainer:















1. Place only **ONE** bar code label on the appropriate tube type.
2. The bar code label must be affixed to the specimen tube, flat and straight, **placed just above the base of the tube, leaving the window uncovered**. In this way, the technologist can view the specimen volume without removing the label, and the label can be read by the analyzers.
3. Tubes for each patient should be placed in their own specimen biohazard bag (one bag per patient) before transporting to the lab.

Improper labeling - will be canceled:



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Blood Specimen Vacutainer Collection Guide

Tube Closure Color	Collection Tube	Label Name	Clot Time	Notes
 	Blood Cultures	30.00mLBT Resin 40.00mLBT Lytic	N/A	Do not cover barcode on bottle
 	Citrate Tube (Light Blue)	Blu Na Cit	N/A	Must fill to vacuum, waste tube if first tube drawn
 	Serum Separator (Gold/Tiger) (SST)	SST Gel SST Gel No Add	30 min	Gold Top is preferred SST, fill to vacuum
 	Serum (Red)	SST Gel No Add Red No Add	60 min	Use if Gold Top SST on backorder, fill to vacuum
	ARUP Quantiferon	D GRN Li Hep 6ml	N/A	Fill to pink ARUP label or QNS
 	Lithium Heparin (Green)	Grn Li H	N/A	High Sensitivity Troponin ONLY, fill to vacuum
	Sodium Heparin (Green)	Grn Na H	N/A	Fill to vacuum
 	EDTA (Lavender)	Lav EDTA Pink KEDTA	N/A	Includes Type and Screens, fill to vacuum

Draw Order

Urine Specimen Collection Guide

Aliquot Order from Cup

<p>BD Vacutainer® C&S Preservative Tube (grey top) For Culture Only</p> <p>Lawson ordering # (complete cup kit): 496259</p>	
<p>BD Vacutainer® Conical UA Tube (yellow & red speckled top) For Urinalysis Only</p> <p>Must be filled to 7.5 mL for proper urine/preservative ratio If unsure whether enough urine is available to fill, use the clear top instead</p> <p>Lawson ordering # (complete cup kit): 496259</p>	
<p>BD Vacutainer® Hemoguard™ Tube PLH (clear top, no additive) For Urine Chemistry, Drug Screens, Pregnancy, UPEPs (2 tubes needed), Low Volume Draws, Total Protein, Creatinine, Microalbumin, etc.</p> <p>Lawson ordering #: 403127</p>	

Collection Process:

- Urine collected in sterile container.
- **Fill vacutainers to fill line** from sterile container in proper collection order.
 - Straw transfer device: keep the straw tip submerged until tube is filled to capacity.
 - Cup with built in transfer device: place cup on horizontal surface, make sure vacutainers are kept vertical during fill to achieve proper fill volume.
- **Only vacutainers are authorized for transport via the pneumatic tube system.** Cups are not leak-proof containers and must be walked to the lab.

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Transport of Lab Specimens

Proper Specimen Transport

1. After completing collection of specimens, verify the tests are marked as collected in EPIC before sending to the lab.
2. Package specimens in a biohazard transport bag. Only ONE patient's specimens should be packaged per bag.
3. Specimens can be sent via the pneumatic tube or walked to the lab (please see table to the right for specimens that must be walked to the lab).
 1. Pneumatic Tube Station #10 and #30.
 2. Walking specimens: Please drop specimens in Lab Receiving. Do NOT walk any specimens back to Core Lab. Only lab personnel are allowed in the core lab area.

Specimens that Must be Walked to the Lab

- All surgical specimens
- Formalin and/or alcohol preserved specimens
- Body fluids
- Blood gas specimens/specimens in syringes
- COVID-19 specimens
- Non-leak tight containers with liquids (ex. urine in sterile containers)
 - Please use proper vacutainers in place of sterile containers
- 24-hour urine containers
- Specimen bags with ice
- Irretrievable specimens

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