IMPORTANT UPDATE: Correct Labeling of Specimens for Laboratory Testing is essential!

Based on accrediting agency standards, Vanderbilt Laboratories require strict adherence to our labeling policy:

Labeling of Laboratory Specimens, CL 30-08.22

A. Each specimen is checked carefully when it is received in the lab. The following information must be provided on the specimen label and on the requisition:

1. Non Blood Bank Specimen:
   a. Patient's full name (first and last);
   b. Patient's MR number. *(or other identification number on the label AND requisition)*

**NOTE:** Specimens collected for Blood Bank related testing have more stringent labeling requirements:

2. Blood Bank Specimen
   a. Patient's full name (first and last);
   b. Patient's MR number; *(or other identification number on the label AND requisition)*
   c. Date (the date collected **must** be on the specimen label);
   d. Phlebotomist identification **must** be on the specimen label.

**VANDERBILT STAFF:** VUNET ID must be used as your phlebotomist identification.

e. Blood Bank SPECIMENS may not be relabeled.

VPLS is committed to providing our clients with the highest quality laboratory testing and services. Proper patient identification on all samples is a critical part of that commitment. Samples submitted to Vanderbilt that do not meet the labeling requirements will not be analyzed.

*Please contact the VPLS Business Office at (800) 551-5227 for additional information or assistance.*

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