

Blood Bank Collection Instructions

An LMH Health Phlebotomist or staff member trained in proper positive patient identification must collect all blood bank specimens for pre-transfusion testing (Type and Screen for Crossmatch). Regulatory agencies require positive patient identification of transfusion recipients and a reliable method to identify the phlebotomist who collected the blood sample for patient safety purposes.

Other blood bank specimens not used for pre-transfusion testing may be collected by other medical staff or at other locations but must be labeled at a minimum with <u>patient's legal first and last names</u>, <u>date of birth</u>, and <u>date and time of collection</u>.