

Main Lab Dress for Success

Properly Label Your Pathology Specimen Containers

Fashion Do's



Label Correctly

1. Ensure the label printer is properly aligned.
2. Ensure the label is not faded, smudged or damaged.
3. Keep the label straight and flat, and smooth the label around the container.
4. Always check that the label has two patient identifiers, a specimen source and the collection date/time.
5. Ensure the specimen identification on the collection container matches exactly with the specimen information on the order/requisition.
6. Do not place the label on caps or lids, as the lid is not permanently attached to the collection container and there is risk of losing the label.
7. Any extra labels should accompany the specimen in the biohazard bag.

Why Do Looks Matter?



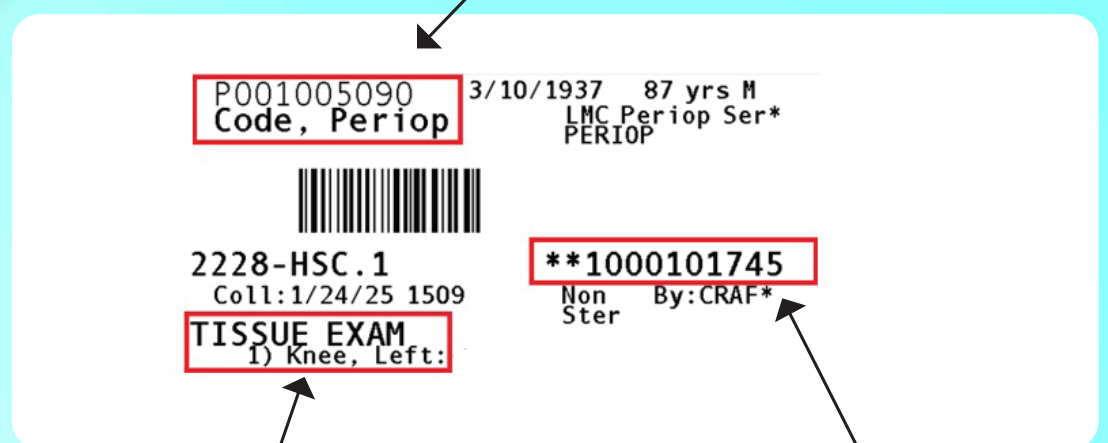
Properly labeled tubes improve turnaround time, safety and patient/staff satisfaction.



Incorrect labeling wastes time and money and causes delays.



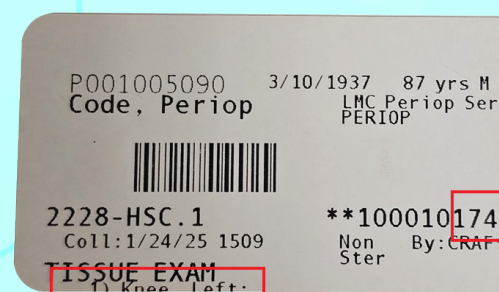
Two Patient Identifiers



Source Information Visible

Properly Aligned Label Printer
No Information Cut Off

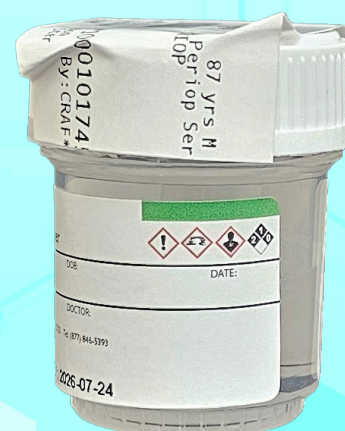
Fashion Don'ts



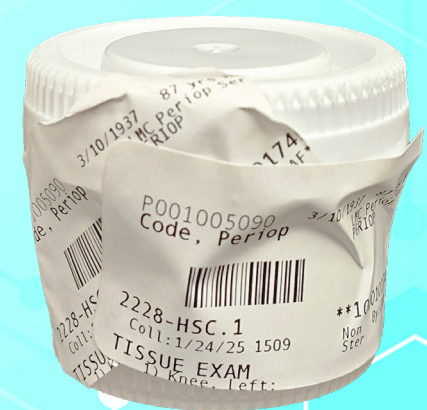
Misaligned Printer
Info Cut Off



Wrinkled/Bunched



Label on Cap



Overlapping Labels