



Labeling Requirements for Specimens & Requisitions

Specimen received with discrepancies or missing information will be rejected and recollection required.

➤ **Specimen container requirements:**

- Patient full name and second identifier (medical record #, date of birth) matches requisition
- Collection date and time (or noted on requisition)
- Collector's initials (or noted on requisition)
- For tissue and non-blood, identify source and laterality of specimen
- One patient specimen(s) per specimen bag

➤ **Requisition requirements:**

- Patient full name and second identifier (medical record #, date of birth) matches *specimen*
- Ordering location (name of practice or clinic)
- Tests or procedures requested
- Collection date and time (or noted on container)
- Collector's initials (or noted on container)
- Provider signature
- Specimen source and body site for non-blood specimens
- Symptom or diagnosis code for medical necessity