

## Specimen Collection for Blood Bank

### *Quick Guide for Safe and Acceptable Specimen Collection and Labeling*

#### Specimen Tubes:

Adult Specimen: 6 mL Pink EDTA tube  
\*\*Alternate: 5 mL Lavender EDTA tube



Pediatric Specimen: 5 mL Lavender EDTA tube  
\*\*Alternate: 500 uL EDTA microtainer tube  
6 mL Pink EDTA tube



Note: If there is not sufficient quantity for testing, additional specimen will be requested.

### **ALL BLOOD BANK SPECIMENS MUST HAVE A TRACEABLE, DUAL IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

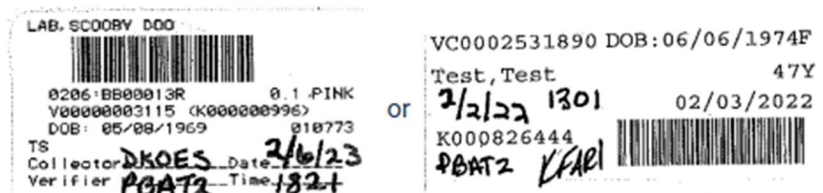
#### Identification of Patient and Correct Labeling:

1. Check patient identification wristband and confirm test order before collection.
2. Have a second staff member present to independently identify patient. (Not needed if using MobiLab)
3. Have patient state their name and date of birth. If unable to, have an independent 2<sup>nd</sup> person confirm ID.
4. Collect specimen and label at bedside.

#### A. When using a Chart, Lab, or Hand-written Label – Requires two-person identification and verification

##### Required information on Label:

- Patient name
- Patient date of birth
- Date of collection
- Time of collection
- Collector's identifying mnemonic
- Verifier's identifying mnemonic



#### B. When using the Electronic ID System – MobiLab serves as a “second person” for patient ID verification.

##### Mobilab label includes the required information:

- Patient name
- Patient date of birth
- Date of collection
- Time of collection
- Collector's identifying mnemonic

For more information: See Policies A797 and TM290 and LHMC Laboratory Test Catalog ([logan.testcatalog.org](http://logan.testcatalog.org)).