

Specimen Collection for Blood Bank Outpatient & Non-Logan Health Clinics

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. Confirm patient's identification and test order before collection.
2. Have a second staff member present to independently identify patient.
3. Have patient state their name and date of birth. If unable to, have an independent 2nd person confirm patient's ID.
4. Collect specimen and label at bedside.

Required information on Chart, Lab, or Handwritten Label:

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

First initial and full last names are also acceptable [Ex: Jane Smith = JSMITH]

