

The 1,2,3's of Labeling Blood Specimens (Non-PPID facilities or Downtime)



Label Preparation

- Specimens collected **must** be labeled at the patient bedside
- Write and verify the collection information on the patient label (Time/Date of Collection and Cerner ID)

Note: Do Not Write *on* or *Near* the BARCODE



Label Placement

- Place the label lengthwise
 - Patient name by cap reading label from left to right
- Label should cover manufacturer label on tube
- Leave window to view blood volume

INCORRECT

Twisted labels, and labels placed too low on tubes can't be read by the analyzer and will delay samples



CORRECT

Properly labeled tubes result in faster TATs

