



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

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## **Label Preparation**



Specimens collected *must* be labeled at the patient bedside Write and verify the collection information on the patient label

- Time of Collection
- **Date of Collection**
- Cerner ID

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

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**Label Placement** 



- Place the label lengthwise
  - o 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 the tube cannot be read by the instrument



**Properly labeled tubes** result in faster TAT

**CORRECT** 

