eStar Update:

Effective **Monday, January 8, 2018**, to ensure patient safety and to come into compliance with Blood Bank best practices and regulatory requirements, Blood Bank will reject incorrectly labeled specimens for the following reasons:

1. Written VUNetID and/or Date missing from the specimen label.
2. Missing PPID Form or submitting incorrect PPID form with sample.

Positive patient identification must be completed with all Blood Bank specimens.

**OPERATING ROOMS AND PROCEDURAL AREAS USING OPTIME - POSITIVE PATIENT IDENTIFICATION (PPID)**

**OR’s and Procedural areas using OpTime eStar Workflow**

1. Patient is positively identified (PPID) upon entry into the Operating Room/Procedural Area using 2 Identifiers. **Only generic ADT labels should be used to label specimens collected in OR/Procedural areas who use OpTime.**

2. Provider requests a Type and Screen to be collected.

3. The sample is collected, and the collector writes their **VUNet ID and date on the label**, and labels the specimen.

4. The collector ensures PPID by reviewing the label and comparing it to the patient’s chart/armband. The collector writes their **VUNet ID, collection date and time on the PPID form.**

5. A secondary VUMC staff member reviews the label/chart and confirms the patient’s identity and writes their **VUNet ID and date on the PPID form.**

6. Send labeled specimen with completed **Blood Bank Type and Screen Requisition** to Blood Bank.


**The PPID form requires dual signoff completed by either:**

- The patient and the collector;
- OR -
- The collector and a 2	extsuperscript{nd} VUMC staff member.