Correct Labeling of Specimens for Laboratory Testing is Essential!

Based on accrediting agency standards, Vanderbilt Laboratories require strict adherence to our labeling policy:

**Labeling of Laboratory Specimens, CL 30-08.22**

A. Each specimen is checked carefully when it is received in the lab. The following information must be provided on the specimen label and on the requisition:

1. **Laboratory Specimen:**
   a. Patient's full name (first and last);
   b. Patient's MR number. *(or other identification number on the label AND requisition)*

   **VANDERBILT STAFF: VUNET ID must be also used as your phlebotomist identification on ALL specimen labels.**

   **NOTE:** Specimens collected for Blood Bank related testing have more stringent labeling requirements:

2. **Blood Bank Specimen**
   a. Patient's full name (first and last);
   b. Patient's MR number; *(or other identification number on the label AND requisition)*
   c. Date (the date collected **must** be on the specimen label);
   d. Phlebotomist identification **must** be on the specimen label.

   **VANDERBILT STAFF: VUNET ID must be used as your phlebotomist identification.**

   e. Blood Bank SPECIMENS may not be relabeled.

   *VPLS is committed to providing our clients with the highest quality laboratory testing and services. Proper patient identification on all samples is a critical part of that commitment. Samples submitted to Vanderbilt that do not meet the labeling requirements will not be analyzed.*

   *Please contact the VPLS Business Office at (800) 551-5227 for additional information or assistance.*

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