



Eastern Zone

COLLECTING AN ABO & SCREEN



EDTA Tubes are 6 mL with a Pink Top

1. PRIOR TO COLLECTION

Ensure there is an **order and consent to collect specimen.**

Obtain the correct specimen labels for your patient.

2. AT THE BEDSIDE: IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PATIENT

Collector and Witness verify that information on labels exactly matches the patient's ID armband.

- Spelling of all names
- Date of Birth
- Health Card Number (LIS Downtime)

Collect EDTA tube and any other necessary bloodwork from the patient. Fill the tube. If having difficulty, consult Transfusion Medicine.

3. SPECIMEN LABELS

Large Specimen Label:
The Meditech Mnemonic **AND** full signature is required for the Collector

Witness must sign full signature on large label

****NOTE: the large label is the requisition.****



Small Specimen Label:
Collector initials **AND** writes Meditech Mnemonic on small label

Witness must initial small label

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PATIENT:
Place the small label lengthwise on tube



Collector must ensure date and time of collection is on both specimen labels.

4. SEND TO TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

FOLLOW THE STEPS

Samples that do not conform to this process will be cancelled and a proper recollection required. It is imperative to patient safety that these steps be performed and documented exactly as described.
No exceptions are made.

Send labels with specimen(s) to the lab in the same specimen collection bag



DO NOT USE GEL PENS, PENCILS OR MARKERS



Refer to Policies CL-SR-025 Client Identification or CL-BP-040 Venipuncture for Blood Specimen Collection

Contact Transfusion Medicine Services for assistance

