



Northern Zone

COLLECTING AN ABO & SCREEN



FYI: 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 name on large label

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

Acct# BB0000203/20 Req# 00031791 BC# NT008421 Pt Loc AR LAB Unit# AR00150510 Spec# NT1709 BB00001R RED LAB ,BUTTONS ANG HCN# 0006397061 DOB 27/07/1943 Age/Sex 78 Coll Batch: Date: <i>Sept 17 2021</i> Coll By: <i>HAYMANER</i> Time: <i>1531</i> GR/RH, AB SCREEN. Note: CHUN, B780, TH2019 <i>Emma Hayman</i> Reason for Test: <i>ABO, A, B, Rh</i> Transfused/Pregnant in last 3 months? <i>N</i> Witness: <i>Dale Galt</i>	Acct# BB0000203/20 Req# 00031791 BC# NT008421 Spec# NT1709 BB00001R 78/F LAB ,BUTTONS ANG <i>EH</i> HCN# 0006397061 DOB 27/07/1943 Coll By: <i>HAYMANER</i> Init: <i>EH</i> Date: <i>Sept 17, 2021</i> Time: <i>1531</i> GR/RH, AB SCREEN. BC# NT008421 LAB ,BUTTONS ANG HCN# 0006397061 Spec# NT1709 BB00001R DOB: 27/07/1943
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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 - Policy and Procedure

Contact Transfusion Medicine Services for assistance

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