

Specimen Labeling		
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Specimen Labeling:

Specimen labeling should always take place in the presence of the patient. Urine specimen labels must be attached to the body of the cup and may be labeled. Do not leave the collection area until all specimens have been properly labeled. Labels may be hand written or computer generated.

Label all specimens in the presence of the patient as follows:

- Patient's name
- Second unique identifier (MR#, DOB, etc.)
- Collection date and time
- Initials of the clinical staff overseeing the collection.
- When using a **Security Seal**:
 - After collection, tighten the bottle cap.
 - Place the security seal over the top of the cap and down the sides of the bottle.
 - Have the donor initial the security seal.
- Note: When using collection cup with thermometer strip, check temperature within 4 minutes of collection and record on the requisition under comments
Required temperature: 90-100°F
- The patient information on the specimen label must match the information on the requisition.
- Improperly labeled specimens will be rejected for testing. Refer to SOP: Specimen Rejection for additional information.