

Don't Delay!

Label specimens right away!!



Follow These Best Practices:

- 1) Take labels to the patient.
 - ➡ Labels can go into **all** patient locations, including isolation rooms.
 - ➡ Errors occur when unlabeled specimens are carried to another location for labelling.
- 2) Take a moment to check patient identifiers.
 - ➡ Always check 2 unique patient identifiers
 - ➡ This practice only takes a few seconds and improves patient safety, while saving time by avoiding errors.
- 3) Write time of collection and your initials on the label.
 - ➡ This practice is required for all specimens.
- 4) Label immediately after collection.
 - ➡ This avoids the possibility of mix-ups.

Follow these 4 steps to prevent errors