

## CORRECT LABELING OF LABORATORY SPECIMENS

Leave space between stopper and label

Leave window for blood volume to be visible

Lab label should be placed on top of the manufacturer's label

Extra lab label wrapped on tube. Leave backing of label

DO NOT fold, pinch or tear lab label

### BLOOD CULTURE LABELS

Do not write or cover the manufacture barcode

Do not place label on bottom of the container

#### Tube Order of Draw:

Closure Color	Collection Tube
<i>BD Vacutainer® Blood Collection Tubes (glass or plastic)</i>	
	• Blood Cultures - SPS
	• Citrate Tube*
	• BD Vacutainer® SST™ Gel Separator Tube
	• Serum Tube (glass or plastic)
	• Heparin Tube
	• BD Vacutainer® PST™ Gel Separator Tube With Heparin
	• EDTA Tube
	• Fluoride (glucocet) Tube

### PEDIATRIC LABELS

DO NOT fold, pinch or tear lab label

#### Handwritten Specimen Labeling Components:

- 1) Patient Last Name, Full Legal First name
- 2) Patient's Date of Birth
- 3) Date and Time of Specimen Collection
- 4) Collector's initials
- 5) Specimen source if required

## INCORRECT LABELING OF LABORATORY SPECIMENS

Upside Down

Skewed

Low

High

Wrapped around