

SBAR COMMUNICATION

SITUATION:

Pediatric microtainer samples are being mishandled, overlooked, and lost.

BACKGROUND:

1. Only some MOB's are placing pediatric microtainer samples on a transfer list from collection location to HAR MC Laboratory.

2. Pediatric microtainer samples are being sent from MOB's to HAR MC Laboratory for testing in biohazard specimen bags.

ASSESSMENT:

When pediatric microtainer samples are not placed on a transfer list from collection location to HAR MC Laboratory, it makes it difficult to know the root cause of the missing sample and due to the small size of microtainer samples, they are easily overlooked and at times lost or thrown away.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. All pediatric microtainer samples drawn at ALL MOB's that require HAR MC Laboratory testing, must be placed on a transfer list from collection location to HAR MC Laboratory.

2. All pediatric microtainer samples drawn at ALL MOB's that require HAR MC Laboratory testing will now need to be placed in a Therapak plastic tube holder inside a CLEAR biohazard specimen bag for transport. Please see picture below. Please ensure that microtainer caps are securely closed.



Therapak Plastic Tube Holder

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