**Labeling Secondary Containers in the Transfusion Service**

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| Purpose | The purpose of this policy is to define the information that is required when transferring a patient sample from the primary container for testing or storage in the Transfusion Service |

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| Policy | * Patient samples should remain in the primary collection container for testing, whenever possible.
* Secondary containers used for absorptions, eluate testing or patient sample storage will be labeled with 2 unique patient identifiers and initialed/dated by the person transferring the sample.
* *Note: The patient identifier requirement may be accomplished by use of a SQ flag label or handwriting information on tube.*
* Secondary containers used for cell suspensions must contain a unique patient identifier (full last name of the patient and fist initial, if more than 1 patient with the same past name is being tested), accession number or unit number.
* Cell suspensions may only be used by the person who made the suspension.
* Temporary containers such as Tubes or slides used in performing a manual test, will be labeled with a patient identifier and reagent, unit or test identifier.
* *Note: Initials of patient name and abbreviations of reagent, unit or test may be used as long as they can be tied back to the original sample*
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