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Use of and Labeling Secondary Containers in Transfusion Services

PURPOSE

To provide instructions on how to appropriately label secondary containers used for transferring any portion of a patient specimen or unit from its primary container for testing or storage in Transfusion Services.

POLICY

- Patient specimens should remain in their primary container unless testing or circumstance require transfer.
- Secondary containers intended for storage must be initialed and dated by the person transferring the specimen.
- Cell suspensions may only be used by the person who made the suspension

Secondary Container Use	Labeling Requirements
Storage of Any Portion of the Original Specimen	Sunquest label from the original specimen and armband number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the absence of a Sunquest label, two unique patient identifiers as well as the original accession number may be handwritten
Cell Suspensions for Patient	Sunquest label from the original specimen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the absence of a Sunquest label, last name or alternate unique patient identifier may be handwritten
Eluate and Last Wash	Sunquest label from the original specimen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the absence of a Sunquest label, two unique patient identifiers as well as the original accession number may be handwritten
Temporary Containers (i.e. slides or tubes used for manual testing)	Patient identifier along with reagent identifier, unit number, and/or test identifier (as appropriate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initials of patient name and abbreviations for reagent, unit, or test may be used as long as they can be tied back to the original specimen

Cell Suspension for Unit	Unit sticker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of a unit sticker, the last four digits of the DIN may be handwritten
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