

*Sunquest Clinical Collect facilitates positive-patient ID and produces lab-ready labels to speed up specimen testing in the lab, improving patient care and safety. Here are some tips to use it effectively.*

## Reduce # of pokes

- ▶ Prior to collecting blood, review all blood collection orders (unit collect and lab collect; stat, urgent, time and routine) to determine if they can be collected at the same time

## Reduce # of tubes to conserve blood volume and collection tubes

The system may not always combine orders/tests when combining is possible. If Sunquest Collect prompts collection of more than one of the same type of tube:

- ▶ Consult **eLab** for minimum collection volumes needed for each test
- ▶ Refer to tube-type quick reference guides on SHOP
- ▶ If unsure, contact lab to confirm that multiple containers are not need

## Place the extra labels in the biohazard bag along with collected specimens

## Remember to add “TYPECB” (Type of sample collection)

**Print labels after collecting the blood sample**, in case some of the tests could not be collected

## If timing of sample collection differs from what is printed on the label...

- ▶ WRITE the correct collection time on the label

## Affix label to specimen containers while at the patient bedside

## Click ‘Done-Exit’ when complete

- ▶ Then place samples and any unused labels into a biohazard bag, include any required paperwork, package appropriately, and send to the lab right away

*Please be advised that unlabelled specimens will not be tested.*