

Correct specimen labeling speeds up sample processing and testing in the lab, is necessary for patient safety, and avoids specimen rejection and the need for recollection.

Please follow these instructions and pictures for all specimen types to ensure your sample gets tested.

### Place labels lengthwise along the specimen container

- ▶ Barcode needs to be smooth and scannable
- ▶ If the label is large, create a flag but don't fold through the barcode



### Leave blood culture bottle barcodes visible

- ▶ The instrument needs to be able to read both the bottle barcode and the patient label barcode



### Use small labels on small containers

- ▶ Sunquest Clinical Collect prints a 3-part label, use one of the smaller ones on microtainers



### Match the correct label colour/tube-type to the correct specimen container

- ▶ These also correspond to the tests that are performed on that container



### Leave some space so we can see the sample please



### Got extra labels?

- ▶ If Sunquest Clinical Collect prompted for more tubes than needed, place the extra labels in the biohazard bag along with the sample, and send the labels to the lab so we know you need that testing done on the shared tube

**Lots more pictures and info here:**

[http://cstcernerhelp.healthcarebc.ca/index.htm?#t=Applications%2FRegistration\\_Apps%2FLab\\_el\\_Lab\\_Specimens.htm&rhsearch=best%20dressed%20tube&rhsyns=%20](http://cstcernerhelp.healthcarebc.ca/index.htm?#t=Applications%2FRegistration_Apps%2FLab_el_Lab_Specimens.htm&rhsearch=best%20dressed%20tube&rhsyns=%20)