Proper Labelled Specimens for Pre-transfusion and Prenatal Testing

- Label is pressed flat and not wrinkled
- Label is not overlapping itself
- Tube content is visible

Label shall include:
- Unique ID
- Patient last name, first name
- Date of Collection
- Time of Collection
- Facility
- Phlebotomist Initials

Demographics on the request form

Error correction:
- Cross out the error with a single line
- Record the correct info
- Initial the correction
Specimen Incorrectly Labelled – Causes for Rejection

Specimens are over-labelled / over-written when mistakes are detected on original label.

Information is missing.

Information is incorrect / does not match requisition.

Correction fluid is used to correct errors.

Information is illegible.

Specimen is not labelled with indelible ink.

Initials of phlebotomist are missing on specimen and phlebotomist is not available on site to add her / his initials.