

Specimen Labeling



All specimens must be labeled correctly before sending to the lab.

Long label goes on specimen container

Color of lab tube for this specimen

Type of specimen source (blood, urine, etc.)

Extra labels, place in confidential shred bin unless in the OR where unused labels will be placed in the bag and sent to the lab

1. Place the correct label on the appropriate tube.
2. The specimen label tells you which tube to place label on.
3. Place unused labels in confidential shred bin unless in the OR where unused labels will be placed in the bag and sent to the lab.

Reminders:

- Verify 2 positive patient identifiers (Name and Date of Birth preferred).
- Scan armband at patients bedside.
- Place labels on specimen and scan while in the patients presence. This should be done prior to specimen being sent to the lab.

Do Not:

- Just place labels in bag
- Stick labels to the bag
- Place label upside down or vertically around specimen.
- Send specimens to the lab with wrinkled labels.

1. Label is applied directly over the manufacturer's label.
2. Label is read from left to right from the tube cap.
3. Label is applied straight from the tube cap downward.
4. Label is flat and without wrinkles.

Specimen tubing reminders

- All Lab Specimens will have the label attached to the specimen prior to tubing them to the lab
- Do not tube non-recollectable or difficult to retrieve specimens, such as CSF, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, abdominal fluid, fine needle aspirates, etc

 **Clinical Updates**

Mission Hospital-Ordering a Bariatric Recliner

- Mission has 5 bariatric recliners available in house. Use **Service Central-Requesting Medical Equipment** to have one of these recliners brought to a patient room to support the bariatric patient.

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Medical Equipment Request

Create a request for mobile medical equipment needs that will be handled by HealthTrust Supply Chain Equipment Management Team

This request will be sourced by HealthTrust Supply Chain based upon the answers given in the questionnaire; you should receive a confirmation / response within 30 minutes of your request.

Please provide as many specific details as possible in the appropriate fields so that sourcing can begin as soon as possible. Any incomplete or missing information will delay the request completion process, and may cause cancellation of the request itself.

Please do not include PHI/PII within this request.



Waste Compliance: General Trash

The following items should be disposed of in regular trash bins:

- 🗑️ *Open* alcohol prep pads
- 🗑️ *Empty* medication vials
- 🗑️ *Empty* IV bags
- 🗑️ *Empty* super sani-cloth containers
- 🗑️ Iodine prep pads
- 🗑️ Packaging
- 🗑️ Office supplies
- 🗑️ Food
- 🗑️ Personal care products, such as bath wipes, shampoo, mouthwash, etc.
- 🗑️ Ultrasound gel
- 🗑️ Lubricating jelly

The following items should **NOT** be disposed of in regular trash bins:

- ❌ *Unopen* alcohol prep pads → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Medication vials containing liquid → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ IV bags containing liquid → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Chloraprep swabs → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Hand sanitizer → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Batteries → brown battery bucket
- ❌ SpO₂ sensors → white SpO₂ bucket
- ❌ Soiled linens → laundry hamper



Waste Compliance: Sharps

The following items **MUST** be disposed of in the red sharp bins:

- Any device with sharp points that can puncture or cut skin
- Needles
- Safety lancets
- Flush syringes *with or without* a needle
- Ampules *except chemo*
- Broken vials and glass
- Razors and scalpel blades
- Scissors

Improperly discarded sharps can lead to needle-stick injuries and disease transmission.

If your red sharp bin is over $\frac{3}{4}$ full, please contact dispatch to request a replacement. Please specify the color of the bin that is needed. Dispatch can be reached at 828-213-2028.



Waste Compliance: Hazardous Waste

The following items MUST be disposed of in the black hazardous waste bins:

- ☒ Pharmaceuticals
- ☒ Medication vials containing liquid
- ☒ IV bags containing liquid
- ☒ Super sani-cloth containers with liquid or wipes inside
- ☒ *Unopen* alcohol prep pads
- ☒ Chloraprep swabs
- ☒ Hand sanitizer
- ☒ Unlabeled substances

Alcohol prep pads may only be placed in the regular trash if they are *open*.

Pharmaceutical packaging may only be placed in the regular trash if there is no residue left inside.

If your black hazardous bin is almost full, please contact dispatch to request a replacement. Please specify the color of the bin that is needed. Dispatch can be reached at 828-213-2028.



Waste Compliance: Regulated Medical Waste

The following items MUST be disposed of in the red biohazard bins with red liners:

- 🗑️ Human body parts removed at surgery
- 🗑️ Infectious surgery specimens
- 🗑️ Skin tags, bone fragments, fatty tissue, limbs, placentas, other organs
- 🗑️ Visibly bloody gloves or PPE
- 🗑️ Visibly bloody plastic tubing
- 🗑️ Saturated bandages and gauze
- 🗑️ Blood and body fluids
- 🗑️ Walled suction canisters containing blood

Regulated medical waste will be disposed of via incineration, autoclave, microwave, or other approved method.

If your red biohazard bin is almost full, please contact dispatch to request a replacement. Please specify the color of the bin that is needed. Dispatch can be reached at 828-213-2028.



PIP Tip of the Week: Assessing PI Risk

Start thinking about PI Risk during the admission process

Clinical Judgement

is a necessary component of risk estimation

Don't just rely on the Braden Scale score to estimate a patient's risk of developing a HAPI



<https://www.kqed.org/futureofyou/219877/hospitals-create-separate-units-to-accommodate-elderly>

Braden Scale Elements

Moisture
Out of bed activity
In bed mobility
Nutrition
Friction/Shear

Skin assessment

Has a PI?
Is the skin fragile?
Or exposed to incontinence?
Is there a scar from an old PI?
Other types of wounds?

HAPI Risk?

Pain Assessment

Does pain make it difficult to move?

Co-Morbidities?

COPD
Neuropathy
PVD/PAD
Vision or hearing impairment
Dementia