

## Blood Bank Specimen Collection Requirements

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Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is providing this update on the **identification, collection and documentation requirements for BLOOD BANK/TRANSFUSION SPECIMENS** as part of our Quality Assurance program.

Due to the *significant clinical risk* if a patient specimen is misidentified, PDL has strict criteria for acceptability of specimens for blood bank/transfusion specimens in alignment with federal regulations.

### PLEASE NOTE

A recollection will be requested if the specimen is not labeled correctly, or the labeled specimen does not match the lab order/requisition.

### BLOOD BANK TESTS THIS APPLIES TO:

- LAB895 ABO/RH BLOOD TYPE
- LAB276 TYPE AND SCREEN
- LAB274 DIRECT COOMBS (DAT)
- LAB9484 TYPE AND SCREEN (PRE-ADMIT)
- LAB9401 TYPE AND SCREEN, NO CROSSMATCH

### LABELING AND ORDER REQUIREMENTS

To avoid delays in testing please be sure of the following:

- **COLLECTOR/PHLEBOTOMIST INFORMATION** is documented and traceable
  - Collector information can be documented in an EMR system and/or
  - Collector information can be documented on the specimen order/requisition
- **SPECIMEN LABEL** includes:
  - Patient full name (first and last name)
  - Date of birth (DOB)
  - Date and time of specimen collection
- **SPECIMEN ORDER/REQUISITION** matches specimen label information:
  - Patient demographics (patient full name, DOB)
  - Collection information (date and time)



### PLEASE NOTE:

PDL no longer requires the submission of the form “Off Site Collection of Blood Specimens for Crossmatch and/or Type & Screen (TYCS)” with these specimens.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100