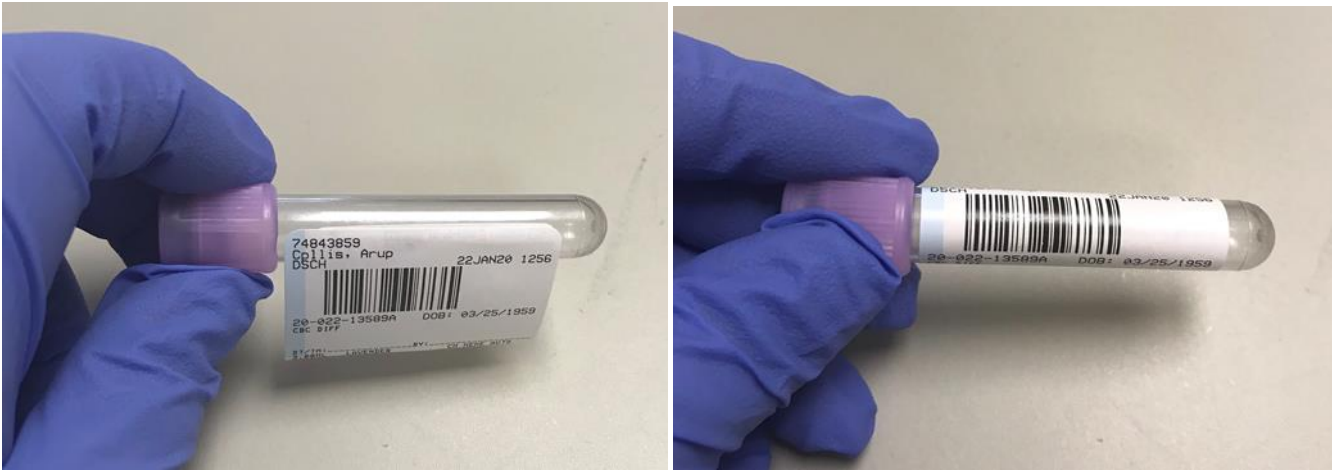




Labeling of Laboratory Specimens

1. Print all labels with the following information when not using an Accession Label:
 - Patient Full Name (Last Name followed by a comma, Legal first name, and middle initial, if available).
 - Date of Birth, Medical Record Number or Social Security Number.
 - Name of ordered test(s) – If Not preprinted on label.
 - Date & Time of specimen collection, using a 24-hour clock time expression.
 - Identification of the person obtaining the specimen. (Initials or Employee ID number)
2. Apply the Patient Identification Label Vertically on the Blood Culture Bottle.
3. **DO NOT** cover the Barcode on the Blood Culture Bottle Label.
4. Transfer any Specimen Collection Comments written on the label to the Test Requisition, if applicable.



While holding sample by the cap in your left hand, align the blue strip on accession label and place directly underneath the cap; this should line up with tube manufacturer label, allowing blood level to be viewed. Do not overlap multiple labels; place only one label on tube and insert other label(s) into biohazard bag with the sample.

