GET IT STRAIGHT TO REDUCE THE WAIT! PROPERLY LABELING AP SPECIMENS

ACCEPTABLE LABELING
The following label placement is **ALWAYS** acceptable:

- Properly Labeled
- Properly Labeled Case

Only one label per specimen. Any extra labels for other tests on the same specimen should be placed in the document pouch of the biohazard bag. Case labels may be placed over Epic labels if they are linked to the same test.

If unable to label with a label of any kind (Epic or office), make sure the following information is hand written on the specimen for processing personnel:

- Patient’s Full First and Last Name
- Patient’s Date of Birth
- Specimen Source

UNACCEPTABLE LABELING
The following label placements are **NEVER** acceptable:

- Wrinkled/Scrunched
- Not On At All
- On the Lid/Barely On

OTHER RULES AND EXCEPTIONS

PAP – Thin Prep Vial: Both Epic and case labels must be placed vertically on the specimen for the analyzer to read them. Epic labels must be placed on the specimen so that the patient’s name is towards the top of the specimen. Case labels must be placed on the specimen so that the Data Matrix is at the bottom of the specimen.

**NOTE:** All AP media should follow these guidelines. Anything from small biopsy containers to tissue pathology tubs. For more collection and specimen handling instructions, visit: spectrumhealth.testcatalog.org

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PROPERLY LABELING CP MICRO SPECIMENS

ACCEPTABLE LABELING
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Only one label per specimen. Any extra labels for other
tests on the same specimen should be placed in the
document pouch of the biohazard bag.

If unable to label with a label of any kind (Epic or office),
make sure the following information is hand written on
the specimen for processing personnel:

- Patient’s Full First and Last Name
- Patient’s Date of Birth
- Specimen Source

UNACCEPTABLE LABELING
The following label placements are NEVER acceptable:

Other unacceptable forms of labeling include:

- Wrinkled labels
- Scrunched labels
- Labels on the lid
- Labels that are barely on
- Labels not on at all

OTHER RULES AND EXCEPTIONS

Blood Culture – FA⁺, FN⁺, and PF⁺ Bottles: Do NOT
cover the bottle barcode with the Epic label, the bottle
barcode is needed to load onto the analyzer.

Aptima – Urine Tube: Do NOT cover the window on
the tube with the Epic label, the window is needed to run
the test on the analyzer.

NOTE: All CP media should follow these guidelines.
Anything from sterile cups to tubed specimens.
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GET IT STRAIGHT TO REDUCE THE WAIT!
PROPERLY LABELING CP BLOOD SPECIMENS

ACCEPTABLE LABELING
The following label placement is **ALWAYS** acceptable:

![Properly Labeled (front and back)](image)

Only one label per specimen. Any extra labels for other tests on the same specimen should be placed in the document pouch of the biohazard bag.

Leave **colored** edge of the vacutainer label visible with a window to see blood level.

If unable to label with a label of any kind (Epic or office), make sure the following information is handwritten on the specimen for processing personnel:

- Patient’s Full First and Last Name
- Patient’s Date of Birth

OTHER RULES AND EXCEPTIONS

**Microtainer:** Affix a micro-extender. Apply so the barcode can be scanned. Do not cover cap.

![Microtainer Label](image)

**Syringes:** Remove needle and cap syringes! Labels on syringes should be applied to show the blood level while still being able to scan the barcode.

![Syringe Label](image)

**OTHER RULES AND EXCEPTIONS**

**TB Testing:** Do not cover the small black square

![TB Testing Label](image)

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![Crooked](image)

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![Upside Down](image)

Upside Down

Other unacceptable forms of labeling include:

- Wrinkled labels
- Scrunched labels
- Labels on the lid
- Labels that are barely on
- Labels not on at all

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