

eStar Update:

Effective **Monday, January 8, 2018**, to ensure patient safety and to come into compliance with Blood Bank best practices and regulatory requirements, Blood Bank will reject incorrectly labeled specimens for the following reasons:



1. Written VUNetID and/or Date missing from the specimen label.
2. Missing PPID Form or submitting incorrect PPID form with sample.

Positive patient identification must be completed with all Blood Bank specimens.

OPERATING ROOMS AND PROCEDURAL AREAS USING OPTIME - POSITIVE PATIENT IDENTIFICATION (PPID)

CORRECT LABELING
of SPECIMENS
for
PATIENT SAFETY



OR's and Procedural areas using OpTime eStar Workflow

1. Patient is positively identified (PPID) upon entry into the Operating Room/Procedural Area using 2 Identifiers. **Only generic ADT labels should be used to label specimens collected in OR/Procedural areas who use OpTime.**
2. Provider requests a Type and Screen to be collected.
3. The sample is collected, and the collector writes their **VUNet ID and date on the label**, and labels the specimen.
4. The collector ensures PPID by reviewing the label and comparing it to the patient's chart/armband. The collector writes their **VUNet ID, collection date and time on the PPID form.**
5. A secondary VUMC staff member reviews the label/chart and confirms the patient's identity and writes their **VUNet ID and date on the PPID form.**
6. Send labeled specimen with completed **Blood Bank Type and Screen Requisition** to Blood Bank.
7. IntraOp nurse documents the specimen collection in eStar OpTime specimen section note.

The PPID form requires dual signoff completed by either:

- The patient and the collector;
- OR -
- The collector and a 2nd VUMC staff member.

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Specimen Labeling
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Blood Bank
Specimen
Collection

