

Urine Specimen Labeling

- VUMC Labs is transitioning to urine vacutainers for testing.
- The lab is requesting that urine specimen cups no longer be sent to the lab as:
 1. Leaking or spilled specimens will result in the recollection of the specimen and a delay in test results.
 2. Urine specimens that are not properly collected can pose a significant safety hazard for the laboratory staff due to the potential exposure to bodily fluids.
- All specimens sent to the lab must be labeled with the correct lab ready label.
- The lab ready label must also be adhered to the specimen in the correct position in order for the lab analyzers to run the lab tests that are ordered.
- Improper placement of the lab ready label on the specimen may result in rejection of the sample and delayed test results.
- Not all urine collection vacutainers are labeled the same way.




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- A specimen is required for each lab ready label that prints.
- Match the color of the vacutainer cap with the color noted on the lab ready label.
- When holding the colored cap with the left index finger and thumb, the patient's name on the label must be read from left to right when placed on the vacutainer.



*All urine collection supplies are obtained by contacting the Service Center.

VU-002104184 RT/RT
 ZTESTLAB, TEENB 27JUN17 0907
 VUH 10N DOB: 08/16/01 15 Y M



18—030—000003C
 UA W/MICRO
 8.00mL UR Yello UA



Because the tapered yellow vacutainer is larger than other tubes, the right end of the lab ready label is aligned with the taper of the vacutainer rather than the manufacturers' label.

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18—030—000003B
 UA W/MICRO
 5.00mL UR Gray MI



On the gray vacutainer the lab ready label is aligned with the manufacturers' label.

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18—030—000003A
 UCRE
 5.00mL UR Clear CH



On the clear vacutainer the lab ready label is aligned with the manufacturers' label.