



NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS

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SPECIMEN LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

Dear Doctor,

We wish to remind all persons collecting specimens that the following information must be provided on all specimens and requisitions in order to avoid rejection of specimens and unnecessary delays and inconvenience to the patients.

- 1) The First and Last Name of the patient
- 2) A second unique identifier e.g. date-of-birth
- 3) Date of collection
- 4) Time of collection (time sensitive tests only)

Please note 1 to 4 above must match the information on the requisition.

These requirements are in accordance with the Ontario Laboratory Accreditation Requirements version 6.0 Dec 2013.

Please also note, there is a box on the OHIP requisition version 4422-84 2013/01 (bottom centre of form) where time and date of collection are required.

This information is also required by the Public Health Laboratories when the PHL requisition is being completed and may result in the specimen being rejected if the required information is not provided.

We appreciate your cooperation in these matters.

Should you have any question please call (416) 449-2166 for further clarification.

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