



Specimen Labelling of New ESwab

Following the recent introduction of the liquid based Eswab collection and transport system, (please see Pathlab Clinical update in July for further details on this) we would like to re-emphasize the importance of correct labelling of these specimens to facilitate optimal processing of patient samples.

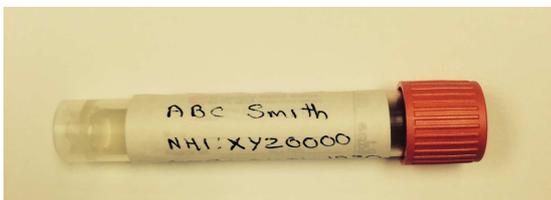
Correctly Labelled samples:

- 1) Patient information written legibly on collection tube.



Or:

- 2) Patient information printed on appropriate sized labels (up to 65 mm width).



Incorrectly labelled samples

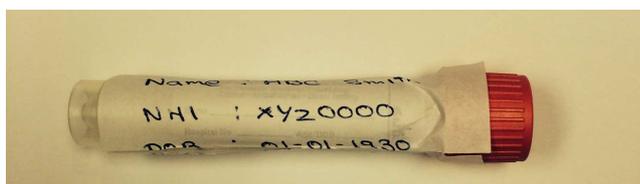
- 1) Patient information on labels that overhang the sides of the collection tube as a “flag”.



- 2) Patient information on labels that overhang the bottom of the collection tube.



- 3) Patient information on labels that cover part of the lid of the collection tube.



Incorrect labelling of patient sample tubes may result in specimens getting stuck in automated processing systems causing unnecessary delays or issues with processing.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions pertaining to this matter.

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