

# Specimen Labeling

## Label Corrections / Additions

**Patient Information** (MRN, Name) can be corrected on irretrievable specimens only.

**Collection Information** (collection date/time, collector's ID) can be corrected on irretrievable and retrievable specimens, except those intended for Blood Bank testing, by the specimen collector presenting to the Laboratory to correct and document

### What is an **Irretrievable** specimen?

Specimens that cannot be recollected without additional risk to the patient:

- Blood specimen involving special endocrine stimulation studies where patient preparation includes dosing the patient prior to collection (i.e. renin, aldosterone, TRF) Pre-antibiotic Microbiology cultures where antibiotic therapy has begun
- Intra-abdominal or intra-thoracic blood from radiology guided collection
- Surgical or Tissue Specimens for Surgical Pathology
- Surgical or Tissue Specimens for Microbiology cultures
- Intra-operative iPTH
- Cerebral Spinal Fluid
- Synovial Fluid
- Pleural Fluid
- Supra-pubic urine collections
- Peritoneal Fluid
- Catheter tip
- Amniotic fluid
- Fetal Fibronectin
- Aborted Fetal Materials
- Products of Conception
- Meconium stool
- Bone Marrow
- Bronchial Wash
- Cell Saver Fluid

### What does a **Properly Labeled Specimen** contain?

- Patient's full name
- Patient's medical record number (an unique label of Blood Bank identification number if appropriate)
- Date and time of collection
- Cerner identification number or name of person collecting and/or preparing the specimen