



STANDARD FOR SPECIMEN LABELLING

Our specimen acceptance policy, in accordance with our laboratory accreditation requirements, is that all specimens received for Testing must be labelled with two unique identifiers: surname and given name (mandatory), date of birth and/or NHI number.

A confidential request using a code as identification is also acceptable.

EXAMPLES OF SUFFICIENT LABELLING (does comply with best practice standards)		
SPECIMENS SUITABLY LABELLED TO ENABLE PROCESSING		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name and • Full Date of Birth 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name and • NHI 	
EXAMPLES OF INSUFFICIENT LABELLING (does not comply with best practice standards)		
SPECIMENS CANNOT BE PROCESSED		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial name • Plus date of birth 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial name • No other identifier 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name • No other identifier 	
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample container labelling does not match request form 	

The only exceptions will be where the specimen cannot be recollected e.g. histology, cervical smears and liquid based cytology.