

News You Can Use

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Labeling Requirements for Specimens & Requisitions

Effective October 1, 2024, any samples received with discrepant or missing information will be **rejected and recollection will be required**.

All samples received in the laboratory must have full first and last name of the patient, secondary identifier (DOB or MRN), collection date, collection time and collector's initials. Electronic documentation in UR Medicine's eRecord or interfaced systems meets this qualification, all others must record the information the specimen label. Link: [Labeling Requirements](#)

Collection and Transport of Urine for Culture and Urinalysis

To avoid cancellation of urine specimens we urge practices to follow the recent technical bulletin that outlines the guidelines regarding proper collection procedures. Link to bulletin: [Collection and Transport of Urine for Culture and Urinalysis](#)

CBC/D Modernization and Simplification

UR Medicine Labs will no longer report CBC/D parameters which have little or no clinical significance. Discontinued parameters include Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin Concentration (MCHC), Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin (MCH), and differential percentages except neutrophils and abnormal cells. Link to bulletin: [CBCD Modernization and Simplification](#)

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Technical Bulletins February-March:

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CBCD Modernization and Simplification

[MMRV Memo](#)

[Plasma Metanephrines Testing Memo](#)

[UNGAL Testing in Urine Memo](#)

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