

Blood Bank Specimens

Emergency or Unidentified Patient

- Refer to Blood Bank procedure “Release of uncrossmatched blood”
- Refer to the EPIC Blood order set nursing

Physician Clinics

Initiating request form and specimen procurement:

- Refer to specific test information for specimen requirements.
- Specimen must be legibly labeled with patient’s name (first, last, and middle initial), date of birth, phlebotomist’s initials, and date and time of collection.

Reference Testing

Initiating request form and specimen procurement:

- Contact Transfusion Service at Saint Luke’s Regional Medical Center (SLRMC) at 712-279-3164 extension #4 to initiate consultation request, determine specimen requirements, and to arrange for specimen transportation.
- Complete and submit a “[Blood Bank—Reference Laboratory Consultation](#)” form located in Special Instructions in this catalog.
- All specimen tubes must be legibly labeled with patient’s name (first, last, and middle initial), unique hospital identification number and/or date of birth, initials of phlebotomist, and date and time specimen was collected. Mislabeled tubes will not be accepted for testing.

SLRMC Inpatient and Outpatient Testing

- Orders are entered in “Epic” Indicate any special instructions in “Comment Prompt.”
- All Blood Bank specimens must be collected either by personnel or under supervision of laboratory personnel. Exceptions: Cord blood specimen which may be collected and labeled by nursing staff. Surgery nursing or anesthesia staff may collect specimens intraoperatively, and label tubes using patient labels.
- The tube must be labeled with patient’s name (first, last, and middle initial), medical record number, date and time of collection, and initials of phlebotomist.
- Mislabeled specimens will not be accepted for testing and require recollection.