

## **GENERAL PATHOLOGY**

Patient details on a pre-addressed label/or order form are acceptable **only if** approved by Pathology

### **Essentials**

#### **On Specimens**

#### **On Request Forms**

- **Forename and Surname** (Or anonymised code) : **No Abbreviations**

Plus **one** of the following in the agreed format as a minimum:

- Patient ID Number (NHS or Hospital or Unique)
- DOB

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- DOB
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**Whichever Used The Noted Details On The Specimen And Form Must Match**

**Please provide all other appropriate information stated by your electronic or hard copy requesting system to ensure it is carried out as accurately, efficiently, and safely as possible.**

- Site or Type if required (Microbiology and Histology)
- Date and Time specimen collected

- Gender
- Investigations Required
- Consultant/GP Primary Care Clinician
- Location or Report Destination
- Date and Time specimen collected
- Patient category: NHS/PP
- Clinical Details and Clinical Trials
- Site and Type of Sample
- Drug Therapy, and timing of (if any)
- Authorising Signatory

**NB:** In circumstances where the patient's name and date of birth are not known (e.g., patients who are unconscious) specimens **must** be labelled with a patient identification number, such as A&E number, and the gender of the patient (i.e. Unknown Male).

## **Blood Transfusion Requests**

must have as **Essential** details on Specimens and Request Forms

### **Forename, Surname, DOB and Unique ID Number (Must Match)**

Specimen details must be legibly hand written or made available via Blood Hound/360<sup>®</sup> only. If hand written date, time and signature must also be declared on the specimen

## **FIT/FOB Requests**

Requests received for FIT/FOB with forename + surname written on the collection device and a minimum of forename + surname + DOB on the green request delivery bag as well as a minimum of a collection date on either the collection device or delivery bag **will be exempted from the 'Essentials' matching process above and accepted for testing as an interim patient safety measure.**

**Pathology reserves the right to reject requests not meeting the standards identified**