

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

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

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

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® 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