

BLOOD TUBE LABELLING

In order to achieve maximum efficiency from the new Waikato Hospital Laboratory analysers, it is essential that blood tube labels are applied in the correct manner. This will allow the analyser laser to easily detect sample volumes and process accordingly.

CORRECT

Patient demographic stickers MUST:

- ✓ be applied directly over the blank tube label
- ✓ be straight
- ✓ run down the tube from top to bottom

There must be a 6mm window for laboratory analysers to view the specimen after a laboratory barcode label has been applied

INCORRECT

Patient demographic stickers MUST NOT:

- ✗ be crooked
- ✗ be wrapped around the tube
- ✗ be wrapped underneath the tube
- ✗ be wrapped with a 'flag'

Incorrect tube labelling may result in processing delays

