Guidelines for Submitting Specimens to LifeLabs for Testing - General

Misidentified patient specimens pose a significant safety risk to patients, as they may lead to delayed or inappropriate diagnoses and/or treatments. Please ensure each specimen submitted for testing at LifeLabs is fully labeled and the accompanying requisition is completed in full as outlined below. Improperly labeled specimens or incomplete requisitions may result in delayed testing or specimen rejection.

1. Patient full name
2. Full birthdate
3. Gender
4. PHN or alternate billing checked
5. Ordering physician (including MSP#, address and phone number)
6. Date and time of collection (if applicable)
7. Tick off test(s) (consult provincial guidelines and protocols for tests indicated with a shaded box)
8. Site of collection

Specimen container example