



# Safety Alert

## MISLABELED SPECIMENS

“Sharing Lessons Learned”

**Situation:** In 2019, a total of 92 SRS's were reported for mislabeled specimens

### Specimen Mislabeling:

Occurs when any of the specimen identification information differs from the actual patient information in ICIS. KFSH&RC's Patient Identification policy mandates all caregivers to identify patients positively by at least two (2) identifiers (**Patient's Full name and MRN**)

### Best Practices to avoid Specimen Mislabeling:



Use Correct Patient Identification



Avoid using Pre-labeled specimen Tubes



Sample must be labeled by the person who collected the blood



Specimen must be labeled at bedside

**Remember** to use the Universal Skills for Error Prevention:



S.T.A.R. (Stop, Think, Act, Review)



Questioning Attitude – Validate & Verify

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