



Patient Identification Check

Streamlined Lab Sample Administration and Workflow

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The Power of Positive Identification

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Whether it's taken as a specimen for laboratory testing or for blood typing and cross-matching, all blood looks similar. So it can be easy to lose track of the identity of the patient from whom the sample was taken.

Hundreds and even thousands of specimens move through the lab each day. As with all samples, the consequences of associating the wrong blood sample with a patient are serious.

Siemens Patient Identification Check provides powerful tools for clinicians to use to help them meet the challenge of positive identification of each specimen or transfusion, quickly and reliably. That means a new level of support for provider patient safety initiatives.

Barcode-enabled patient identification can significantly reduce or even eliminate the need to redraw specimens.

Siemens Patient Identification Check helps you streamline a critical task in lab workflow — a task on which other steps in patient diagnosis and treatment depend. As a result, you can achieve dramatically improved efficiency and speed in the lab, and also in many other hospital departments relying on lab results or blood for transfusion.

In addition, Patient Identification Check provides positive identification safeguards for blood product administration, helping clinicians identify the right patient with the right blood product with barcode accuracy.

Introducing Siemens Patient Identification Check is one decision that can yield multiple benefits by helping healthcare providers to:

- Achieve substantial reductions in the potential to mislabel specimens or blood products
- Support patient safety initiatives
- Minimize repeat venipunctures
- Increase specimen collection or blood administration efficiency
- Increase laboratory workflow efficiency
- Speed decision-making for any clinician who depends on patient laboratory specimen information

How Siemens Patient Identification Check Works for Specimen Collection

With Siemens Patient Identification Check, the clinician initiates a sample collection by gathering three key facts about the sample in the presence of the patient:

- The clinician's identity, scanned from the barcode on his or her identification card
- The patient's identification from the wristband
- The order of collection for each sample container

After the samples have been collected, Siemens Patient Identification Check prints a barcode label for only those samples that were collected in the correct container.

This method helps to eliminate bottlenecks in the laboratory by eliminating the need for entering collection information after the samples are received. And, for previously handwritten sample labels, Patient Identification Check reduces the number of samples that must be re-labeled.

How Siemens Patient Identification Check Works for Blood Administration

With Siemens Patient Identification Check, the nurse initiates the blood product validation for a patient by gathering four key facts about the blood product in the presence of the patient:

- The clinician's identity, scanned from the barcode on his or her identification card
- The patient's identification from the wristband
- The product's unique barcoded donor identifier on the blood unit
- The blood product barcode on the blood unit

Before the healthcare provider physically starts the transfusion, Patient Identification Check can require a second nurse validation. Once all verification is complete, the unit is ready to be physically transfused by the clinician.

Upon completion of the transfusion, the nurse updates the Patient Identification Check system, which in turn updates the blood bank system to reflect that the unit has been administered, and logs the date and time completed. This method helps to provide accurate records for the blood administration workflow process.

Three easy barcode steps to accurate patient identification:

- 1 Scan the barcode on the clinician's ID card to log in and record the clinician's identity.
- 2 Scan the barcode on the patient's wristband to confirm positive patient identification.
- 3 Scan the specimen container or blood unit barcodes to link it to the patient order or issued unit and product. Automatically print the correct specimen label or help to verify the blood unit for the correct patient.

Siemens Patient Identification Check prints labels at the patient's bedside, after the container is scanned. This approach assists in minimizing the risk of mislabeling.

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