Blood banking standards require STRICT ADHERENCE to the labelling requirements below, as dictated by the Australian and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion (ANZSBT) and enforced by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA).

This includes blood group, antibody screen, group & hold and blood for cross matching.

The sample tube MUST be labelled with:

1. Patient’s family name (in full)
2. Patient’s given name (in full)
3. UR number and/or Date of Birth
4. Date and time of collection
5. Signature (or initials) of the collector

The request form and sample must match, including collector’s signature (or initials) plus the date and time of collection. Please do not use abbreviations or variations of the patient’s name.

Samples that do not conform to these labelling requirements will not be processed. O Rh(D) negative units will be issued in the event of urgent blood provision awaiting a valid and appropriately labelled sample.

Please note: These procedures also apply to addressograph labels. Addressograph labels must be signed by the collector and the date and time of collection written on the label.

Correct labelling of referral and tubes: