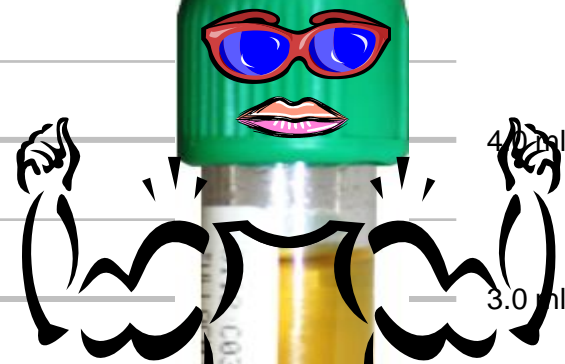
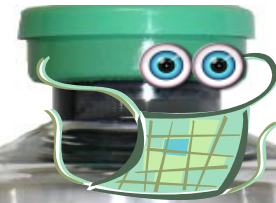
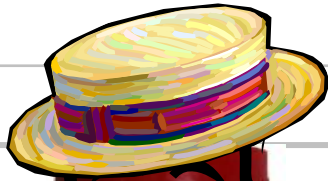


Common causes of **Specimen Labelling Errors** across the HRLMP.
The Usual Suspects



Unlabelled Libby

Wrong William

Illegible Ian

Covered-Up Charlie

Sideways Sid

Acceptable Anna

Specimen Unlabelled:

🔴 No patient I.D.

Specimen Labelling Error:

🔴 Specimen label and contents of tube do not match

Label Illegible:

🔴 Label information illegible

Specimen covered-up:

🔵 Lab cannot assess specimen quality

Specimen Label sideways:

🔵 Barcode cannot be read by lab equipment

Specimen Acceptable:

🟢 Label under cap
 🟢 Barcode vertical
 🟢 Lab can assess specimen quality

SPECIMENS REJECTED AND MUST BE RE-COLLECTED

LAB MUST RE-LABEL SPECIMENS (TIME & ERRORS)

SPECIMEN ACCEPTED

Avoid the line. Do it right the first time.

Common causes of **Poor Specimen Quality** across the HRLMP.

The Usual Suspects



Hemolyzed Henry

Specimen Hemolyzed:

- Hemolysis interferes with many laboratory tests
- Lab will review and assess specimen acceptance criteria

SPECIMENS MAY BE REJECTED

Tardy Tina

Delayed Specimen Transport

- Specimen received in lab outside the specimen acceptance criteria
- Specimen integrity and quality compromised

NSQ Norm

Not Sufficient Quantity:

- Less specimen than amount needed for ordered tests
- Lab cannot perform tests ordered

Leaky Larry

Specimen Leaked:

- Environmental and Infection control risk
- Lab cannot perform tests ordered

Mixed Up Martha

Incorrect Specimen Container:

- Specimen collected with incorrect container additives
- Lab cannot perform tests ordered

Acceptable Anna

Specimen Acceptable:

- Sufficient quantity
- Barcode vertical
- Lab can assess specimen quality

SPECIMEN ACCEPTED

SPECIMENS REJECTED AND MUST BE RE-COLLECTED

Avoid the line, do it right the first time.