

Packaging Lab Specimens “On Ice” (Cont.)



CORRECT

Placing the specimen in the outside pocket of the lab bag ensures that the sample is being kept at a refrigerated temperature, while also preserving the integrity of the patient label.

Please place the bagged specimen on ice into a second biohazard bag with the requisition and seal shut

Versus Packaging Lab Samples “In Ice”



INCORRECT

When packing the *tube inside of the bag of ice* (see left), the label will disintegrate (see right).

Often, the label is illegible on the specimen received, which the lab then **must treat as a mislabel**.



Safety Note: This can potentially result in a second blood draw for the patient.