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Reminder for anyone submitting specimens for laboratory testing:

- All test requisitions must have the following information:
  - The patient's first and last names
  - The patient's date of birth
  - An indication of the tests to be performed with a diagnosis appropriate for testing requested.
  - Specimen source, if other than blood
    - The following sources must have a specific body location/site (for example: left lower leg) as well:
      - Abscess
      - Cyst
      - Drainage
      - Fluid
      - Skin
      - Synovial Fluid
      - Wound
  - Date and time of specimen collection
  - Full name of ordering provider, do NOT use initials
  - Full name of providers that also require results, do NOT use initials.
  - For PAP testing, the patient's last menstrual period and an indication whether the patient had a previous abnormal report, treatment or biopsy
- All specimens submitted for testing must have the following information on the specimen:
  - The patient's first and last names
  - The patient's date of birth
  - Specimen source, if other than blood, urine or stool.
  - Date and time of specimen collection