

## **The effectiveness of inking needle core prostate biopsies for preventing patient specimen identification errors: a technique to address Joint Commission patient safety goals in specialty laboratories.**

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This study used a system of coloring [inks](#) to effectively maintain [specimen](#) identity. The authors point out that this strategy addresses an important [National Patient Safety Goal](#) and may also be applicable to other laboratory practices.