

Blood sampling guidelines with focus on patient safety and identification—a review.

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Common blood sample errors, such as [mislabeling](#) or [patient misidentification](#), can contribute to [diagnostic delays](#). This review highlights the importance of using open-ended questions to gather information from patients and suggests that specimens be labeled with the patient present to ensure accurate verification. A [WebM&M commentary](#) explored problems associated with mislabeled blood samples.