


Proper labelling of tubes

- Inappropriately-labelled blood tubes increases difficulty during sample processing and test analysis.
- Key points in labelling of tubes:
 - Place the label **straight** along the length of the tube (ensures that barcode can be scanned).
 - Leave a **"window"** to allow laboratory staff to check sample volume and quality.
 - **Do not** leave little bumps in the label as this will affect the scanning of the barcodes.




Step-by-step pictorial guide

Step 1: Obtain required tube.



Step 2: Align the patient's label along the label on the tube (as indicated by the red dotted lines), and paste it over the tube's label.



Step 3: Wrap the label around the tube. Ensure that there are no creases/bumps in the label, and that a "window" is present.

