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(A) Policy Statement

The Blood Gas Lab will have a policy for recognition and handling of specimens unacceptable for analysis.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To establish procedures for specimens rejected by the blood gas lab.

(C) Procedure

1. If a specimen is received into the blood gas lab with a needle still attached, without a label, or if the specimen is miss-labeled, the specimen will be rejected. A specimen is considered miss-labeled if there is incorrect patient information on the label. The nursing unit should be notified when the specimen is rejected. The Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) will cancel the original order and re-order a new blood gas in the electronic medical record (EMR) once a new and appropriate sample is obtained.

2. The blood gas sample should arrive in an ice bath. Without ice, the sample must be analyzed within 15 minutes for arterial samples and 30 minutes for venous samples (in a proper lab tube) Samples received without these accommodations will be rejected, and the nursing unit notified.

3. If a specimen is determined unacceptable due to clotting or an insufficient amount of blood, the sample will be rejected, and an attempt to collect a sufficient sample is needed.

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