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**To:** Transfusion Service Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations Department  
**Date:** March 29, 2016  
**Re:** Specimen Labeling for Immunohematology Testing

The 30<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, specifically Standard 5.11.2.2, requires a mechanism to identify the date and *time* of sample collection and the individual(s) who collected the sample from the patient.

Previously, the time of collection was not required; however, the majority of you were adhering to this requirement per your internal policies.

Given the new Standard, as of April 1, 2016, if we receive a patient specimen without the collection time it must be rejected.

Please replace page 12.2 in your Customer Service Manual, Section 12.0, Reference and Transfusion, to reflect this change.