




**Section 2: Specimens for Other Blood Transfusion Service Tests**

Fluorescent red Blood Transfusion Service labels are not required for specimens collected for tests other than compatibility testing. However, **all** specimens must be in original, stoppered containers labeled with the patient's first and last names, ID number, time and date of collection and initials of the phlebotomist. Aliquot tubes are unacceptable for testing.

**Section 3: Retention of Specimens**

All specimens tested in the Blood Transfusion Service shall be retained for a minimum of 21 days.

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<b>Policies Superseded by This Policy:</b>	

*It is the responsibility of the reader to verify with the responsible agent that this is the most current version of the policy.*

Reference: AABB Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, current edition.