## ABCD Guide

of pre-transfusion blood sampling

- Get it right first time -

A

**ASK** the patient to state their full name and date of birth.

Verify this matches their ID band exactly.



B

**BEFORE** leaving the patient's side – hand write the patient's identifiers (first name, last name, NHI, DOB) on the blood tube label. Date, time and sign the tube.



C

**CONFIRM** the patient details on the request form, blood tube and ID band match exactly.



D

**DECLARATION:** the collector must date, time and sign the request form before leaving the patient's side.

Step 4. Specimen Collector Declaration The patient details on the specimen tube MUST be hand written by the collector

o I certify that the blood specimen(s) accompanying this request was drawn from the patient named above.
o I established the identity of this patient by direct enquiry and/or inspection of their wristband.
o Immediately upon the blood being drawn I hand labelled and signed the specimen(s) at the bedside.

Contact No/Pager 95 432

SIGNATURE OF COLLECTOR Landsteiner Print Name L. Landsteiner