CARE4 MODULE NAME: OM
Lab - Specimen Collection and Labels How To

Lab will draw specimen: (Lab comes to the unit to collect the specimen)

1. Order transmitted to Lab
2. Label prints automatically to **Lab**
3. Order does NOT go to the worklist
4. No UNC flag on status board
5. Specimen collected by the Lab

Specimen "Has been collected": (You have the specimen, need label(s))

- Order transmitted to Lab
- Label prints automatically to the **patients location**
- Order does NOT go to the worklist
- No UNC flag on status board
- Collect specimen
- Put the lab label on the specimen & send to Lab

Pre-Collection Label: (Floor will collect specimen, includes PICC/CVAD)

- Order transmitted to Lab
- Label prints automatically to the **patients location**
  - Orders for future specimens will not print until the date they are to be collected/**Service Date**
  - Example Order is entered on Sept. 29 for collection on Sept 30, the label(s) will not print until just after midnight on Sept. 30
  If label is lost/damaged, can be re-printed, either in ACK or from the worklist
- Order appears on the worklist of nurse
- UNC flag on the status board appears until the specimen is collected from the worklist
- Collect Specimen
- Go to the worklist & document specimen
- Label specimen & send to Lab

Nurse to Enter Orders:

Order is not transmitted to lab – not a real lab order it, it is a patient care order that allows/indicated the nurse to enter conditional labs

- Once condition is met, the nurse enters the required lab order in OM
- The nurse selects the desired specimen and collection method
- Order transmitted to LAB
- Label prints according to the collection method selected as outlined above
  If label is lost/damaged, can be re-printed, either in ACK or from the worklist
- Appears on work list of nurse on unit
- UNC flag on status board appears until collected from worklist
- Collect Specimen
- Go to the worklist & document specimen collection (ensure correct collection date & time)
- If the specimen # changed, the nurse wil get a pop-up, and a new label will automatically print
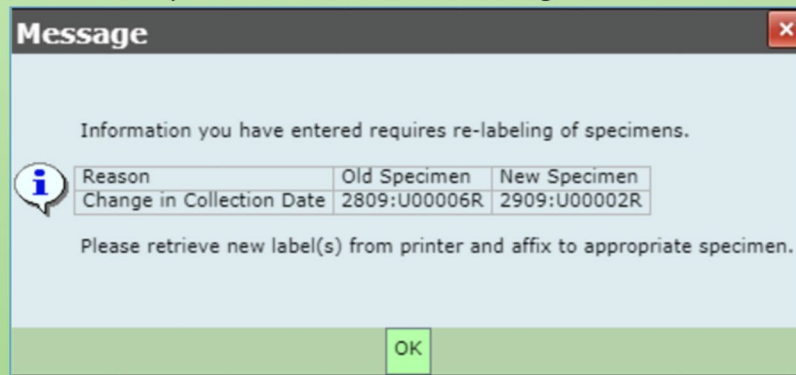- Label specimen & send to Lab

Collecting Uncollected Specimens After the Order Date:

If you are collecting a specimen for an order on a date after the original order was entered, Example Urinalysis ordered on Sept.28 but not collected until Sept. 29

- Collect Specimen
- Go to the worklist & document specimen collection
- Change the date/time at the top of the screen to the new collection date/time
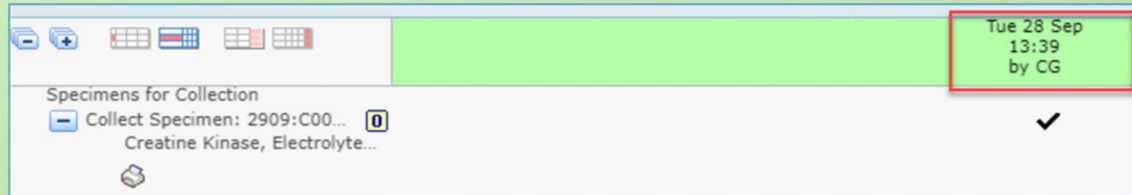
- The specimen requires a new label(s) to correpond to the new collection date/time
- The following message will appear
  Note that a new specimen number has been assigned to reflect the new collection date

- Collect the new label and discard the old label
- Label the specimen & send to Lab