SPECTRUM HEALTH

Blood Culture Bottle: New Placement of Labels

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Microbiology is utilizing new instrumentation and technology, the placement of the patient specimen label on the Blood Culture bottle now has increased importance!

ONLY Place the specimen label in the area indicated in **green**

The label should go vertical, so the name appears top to bottom

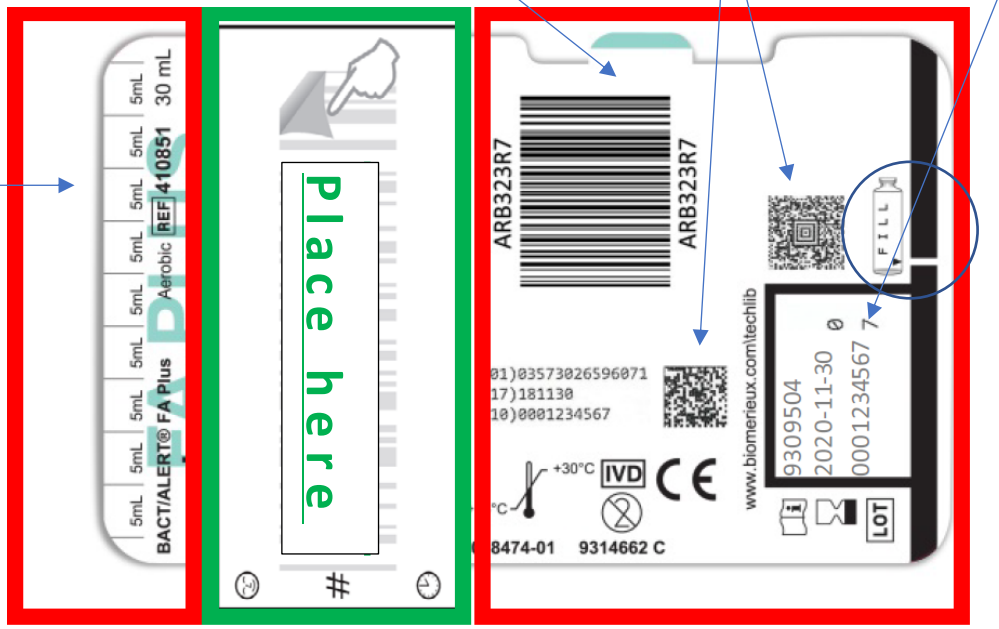
Look for the helping hand

Red areas are not appropriate for label placement.

The label should not cover these critical reference areas of the bottle.

Do not cover the barcode pull tab

Do not cover the 2D barcode

Do not cover Lot number area

MUST avoid the volume indicator and bottle window