Clinical Laboratory Test Update

Pneumatic Tube System Specimen Packaging

Effective immediately, all specimens must be properly packaged in the pneumatic tubes to provide the best quality results for our patients.

Per manufacturer and laboratory validation studies, when tubes are improperly packaged (including missing foam, plastic bag sticking out, latches not closing) specimen integrity is compromised in transit, leading to erroneous results.

Pneumatic tubes that are missing pieces or are damaged can be identified and sent empty to the lab to be taken out of service rather than being use for sample transport.

- Ensure both carrier latches are fully closed and secured.
- Both foam liners must be used to fully immobilize contents.
- Ensure contents are entirely contained and nothing sticks out.

- If contents do not fit inside the tube, please walk package to the destination.

- If carrier is missing foam, please send the empty tube to lab for replacement.

- If carrier is broken or damaged, report to facilities at x88351 and set aside.
Please call Amy Faliano Hamill, 720-848-7059 if you have any questions and see the attached educational flyer.

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