# Lab Specimen Collection and Barcode Scanning for Invasive Nursing

*For Invasive Nursing*

## Before Collecting the Specimen:

Before you begin, gather all needed supplies for specimen collection at patient bedside, including lab tubes, needles and a wireless printer (if applicable).

1. Click the **Pre-Procedure Navigator**.
2. Navigate to the specimen section in your table of contents on the left.
3. Select **Print Label** button under the Task.
4. The lab order selected will default with a checked box. You can choose multiple labs.
5. Select the printer. When complete, the **Label Printer** field will be populated with the printer ID.
   - If the label printer field is blank, enter the printer name or scan the barcode label on the printer.
   - If a hard-wired printer is available, the label printer name will appear by default (no need to scan).
6. Click the **Print Label** button and follow your normal workflow of labeling the specimen.

## After Collecting the Specimen:

After collecting the specimen and placing the labels on the specimen container, navigate to the **Work List**. It is now time to collect the specimen in Epic.

1. Select the **Collect** button next to the correct order.
   - If you print the specimen label, then immediately proceed to collect, you will get a **Processing Specimen** notice. Wait for the labels to print and for the barcode ID to cross over to Epic before selecting the **Collect** button.
   - If you need to reprint the specimen lablel, press the **Reprint Label** button.
2. Scan the specimen label when prompted.
3. The **Collection Date** and **Time** will fill in automatically. You can manually update this now, if needed.
4. Click **Accept**.
5. The specimen falls off from the orders needing specimen collection.

For more information, visit **it.houstonmethodist.org/specimenscanning/**

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