

Why Use The Custody and Control Form Barcode Sticker?

The barcode stickers located at the bottom of the USDTL Chain of Custody and Control form are vital tools for proper identification of a specimen, from the point of collection, through the release of a final laboratory report. The Chain of Custody and Control form number is utilized as the primary identification number for the report, shipping, invoicing and for matching transactions during confirmation aliquoting. More importantly, the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) forces a match of the Chain of Custody and Control form identification and specimen identification during the initial accessioning process. This matching process is accomplished with barcode scanners.



At the time of collection, the barcode sticker should be placed over the specimen container top or across the specimen envelope (creating a tamper-evident seal). It is very important that clients follow our published collection procedures which entails the use of the tamper-evident barcode sticker. Use of other forms of identification or tamper-evident seals, while acceptable, prompts the specimen to be re-directed to the Receiving Supervisor for further verification and approval. Failure to use the tamper-evident barcode sticker creates unnecessary delays in processing and reduces the integrity of the chain of custody. To request our USDTL collection instructions, please call Client Services at 1.800.235.2367 or visit www.USDTL.com to download them online.

