

How to submit specimens for confidential testing

Test ordering privacy



Testing may be ordered under an alias in order to maintain patient privacy. We can only offer this confidential ordering for tests ordered using manual requisitions and billed to your client account. No aliases can be used if you request that the charges be submitted to an insurance payer for reimbursement.

Allina Health Laboratory recommends the following alias name structure:

Last Name =	Patient's initials
Middle Name =	Ordering provider's last name or facility name in parentheses
First Name =	Date ordered

Example: Patient Joseph Charles Glad from ABC Clinic was drawn on 3-13-2018

The alias name would be: JCG, 031318 (ABC)

You may code the alias any way your that your facility desires, *as long as it contains both alpha and numeric characters*. We recommend that a patient's Social Security Number (SSN) not be used.

In order to ensure accurate reference ranges, the patient's sex and actual DOB must be included on the requisition. An address is also required; the patient address is preferred, however, if that is not possible, your facility address may be used.

Per Allina Health Laboratory specimen labeling requirements, both the alias patient name, as well as the second identifier (DOB), matching those appearing on the requisition, must be included on each specimen submitted to Allina Health Laboratory for testing.