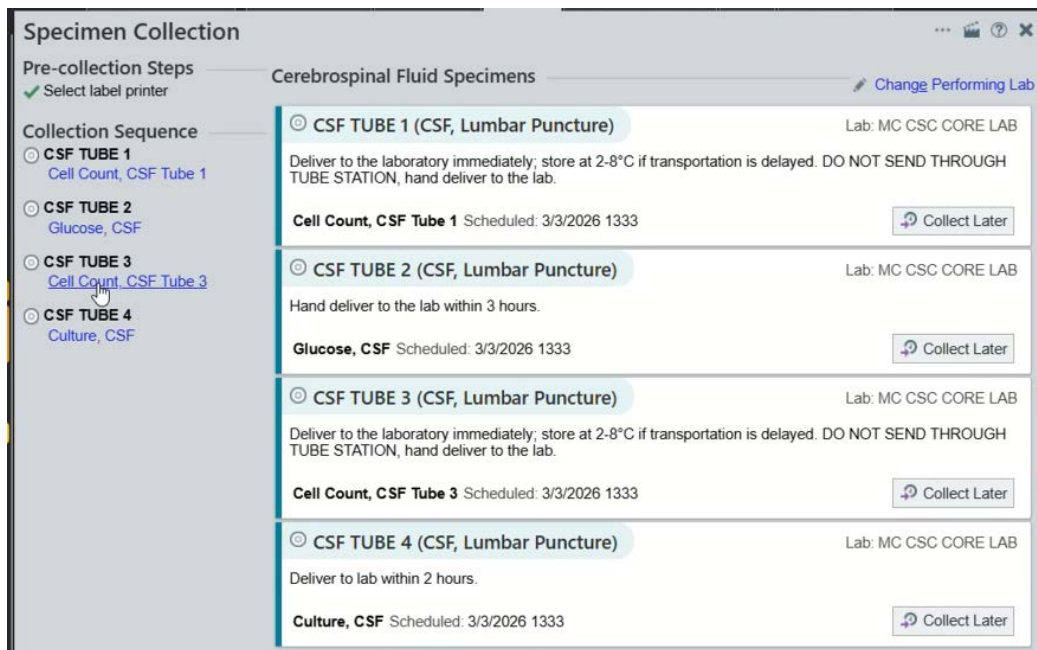


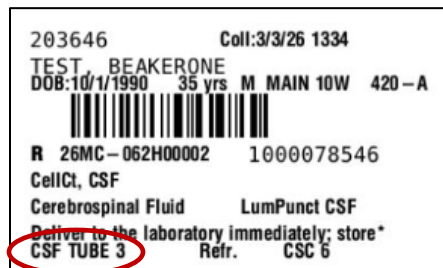
Cerebrospinal Fluid Laboratory Orders – Specimen Label Update

Effective April 20, 2026, Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) specimen labels will include the tube number directly on the label. CSF tubes must be collected and labeled in a specific sequence to prevent blood contamination from affecting test results. CSF tubes should be labeled in the exact order in which they are collected.

When CSF orders are marked for collection in EPIC, the orders will automatically sort into the correct tube sequence as seen below:



EPIC specimen labels will display the corresponding tube number in the bottom left corner and must be placed on the matching CSF tube.



If all CSF tubes cannot be collected, label only the tubes that were collected with the correct collection sequence numbers. Any unused labels should be placed into the biohazard bag along with the labeled CSF tubes.

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