

Laboratory—specimen identifier, text X[X(39)]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Specimen identifier
METEOR identifier:	428518
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 15/11/2012
Definition:	Specimen identifier unique within a laboratory, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Laboratory—specimen identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(39)]
Maximum character length:	40

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The assignment of an identifier to a specimen allows the tracking of the specimen through receipt, processing, analysis, reporting and storage within the laboratory.

Collection methods:

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC)
Origin: ACSQHC Healthcare Associated Infection Technical Working Group

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 15/11/2012

[Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infection NBPDSHealth](#), Qualified 18/07/2022