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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Specimen identifier |
| METEOR identifier: | 428518 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 15/11/2012 |
| Definition: | Specimen identifier unique within a laboratory, as represented by text. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Laboratory—specimen identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428513) |
| Value Domain: | [Text X[X(39)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270804) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Text | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | X[X(39)] | |
| Maximum character length: | 40 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: |  |  |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| 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 NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/391133)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/12/2022  [Surveillance of healthcare associated infection: Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infection NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/752224)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/12/2022 |