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-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 15/11/2012 |
| Definition: | Specimen identifier unique within a laboratory, as represented by text. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Laboratory—specimen identifier](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/428513)  |
| Value Domain: | [Text X[X(39)]](https://meteor-uat.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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| 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-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/391133)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 15/11/2012 |