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**Memo To:** Interfaced Clients  
**Re:** Patient Names for Multiple Births (Twin, Triplets, Quadruplets etc.)

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ICL has received a couple cases where the hospital's floors/units are e-ordering tests for twins and entering either, A or Twin A, or, B or Twin B, for the patient's middle name. This creates a specimen identification problem at ICL because ICL can not use the patient's middle name. Please ensure your lab staff and your hospital's floors/units are instructed to enter Twin A or Twin B as the patient's first name. This will ensure that the results from these precious specimens are attributed to the correct baby.

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If you have further questions, please contact Client Care at (416) 422-3000 Ext. 300 or [info@ICLabs.ca](mailto:info@ICLabs.ca) or you may contact me directly.

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