

Permission to print:	Yes
Near Miss or Accident	Accident
Type of incident:	Management
Catagory	clerical / data entry
Knowledge Error	No
Protocol issue	No
Rule Error	Yes
Skill Error	Yes
Team Issue	No
Violation	No
Chance event:	No
Description:	The first blood gas was taken during CPB was handed to the anaesthetic technician by th perfusionist for ACT and analysis. The tech asked for a patient label and took one of two sitting on the heart lung machine and processed the sample. The result did not automatically transfer into the HLM data system and the paper result revealed a patient name different to the patient in theatre.9(a prevoius patient).
Contributing factors:	Inattention the the perfusionist from the previous case not removing the label at the end of the previous case, by the perfusionist for the current case not noticing that an incorrect label as on the heart lung machine for the case concerned and by the person taking the sample when afixing the label to the sample syringe.
Corrective action:	Advised the laboratory of the error and the results were immediatly deleted from the incorrect patient record
Preventative action plan:	review label/sampling processes and added to checklist "no [prevoius patient labels"
Manufacturer advised:	No
Discussed with team:	Yes
Ext Authority Advised	No
Patient outcome variance f	Nil