Machaon Job Aid



You must match 3 unique identifiers to safely connect a patient with a sample, result, test or other data. Rare exceptions can be made when only 2 unique identifiers are available.

Why: there are over 300 individuals named John Smith that share the same DOB.

Acceptable Unique Identifiers Include:

- 1. First AND last names (w/ spelling)
- 2. Date of Birth (DOB)
- 3. Medical record number (MRN)
- 4. Accession number
- 5. Social security number (SSN)
- 6. Other unique identifiers

Unacceptable Identifiers Include:

- 1. Last name only
- 2. First name only
- 3. Specimen date or time
- 4. Test name
- 5. Facility name
- 6. Doctor's name
- 7. Not getting spelling of name