

Tip of the Month



What If?

- W**hat if every patient was treated according to accurate test results?
- What if every phlebotomist was treated with the same level of respect and dignity other healthcare professions receive?
- What if every nurse was understood for the insane demands placed on them from so many sources and at the same time?
- What if nobody ever sustained an accidental needlestick?
- What if all positive blood cultures were truly positive?
- What if all patients and samples were properly identified?
- What if everyone drawing blood followed the standard procedure without exception or excuses?
- What if deviations from the standardized phlebotomy procedure were thought of as being beneath the standard of care?
- What if everyone who draws blood had to have formal training?
- What if no patients were injured by the person who drew their blood?
- What if proper phlebotomy procedures were taught in every phlebotomy school?
- What if all phlebotomy students saw venipunctures performed at their clinical site the same way they were taught in the classroom?
- What if everyone who drew or handled blood samples improperly was disciplined and re-trained?
- What if laboratory and nursing departments helped each other with sample quality instead of blaming each other for hemolysis?
- What if the answers to these questions are completely and entirely dependent on you?
- They are.**