

Tube Order of Draw Instructions









IMPORTANT:

Be sure that tube is filled until the blood flow stops - wait an additional 1 - 2 seconds before removing tube from holder. As a rule of thumb, the volume of blood should equal 2 1/2 times the amount of serum or plasma required.

Mixing or pouring-over of blood from one tube to another is prohibited. Doing so will cause erroneous test results and compromise patient safety.

When using a winged blood collection set for venipuncture or when a coagulation (citrate) tube is the first specimen tube to be drawn, a discard tube should be drawn first.

Do not send your discard tube.

ORDER OF DRAW	MIX BY INVERTING	ADDITIVE
Blood Culture Bottles drawn first. - NO INVERSION on Blood Culture Bottles		
 Light Blue Top	3 to 4 TIMES	• 0.105M Sodium Citrate (3.2%)
For coagulation testing - use only the Light Blue Top Tube		
 ACD or Yellow Top	8 to 10 TIMES	• Acid Citrate Dextrose (ACD) (Do not use for blood cultures)
 Gold Top or SST	5 TIMES	• Serum Separator Tube (SST)
 Red Top	PLASTIC 10mL: 5 to 6 TIMES PLASTIC 4mL: 5 TIMES GLASS: 5 to 6 TIMES	• PLASTIC: Silicone additive • GLASS: None
 Dark Green Top	8 to 10 TIMES	• Sodium Heparin
 PST or Mint Green Top	8 to 10 TIMES	• Lithium Heparin
 Lavender	8 to 10 TIMES	• EDTA Lavender
 Grey Top	8 to 10 TIMES	• Sodium Fluoride (glucose)
All other Tubes	See package label	8/12 DOS