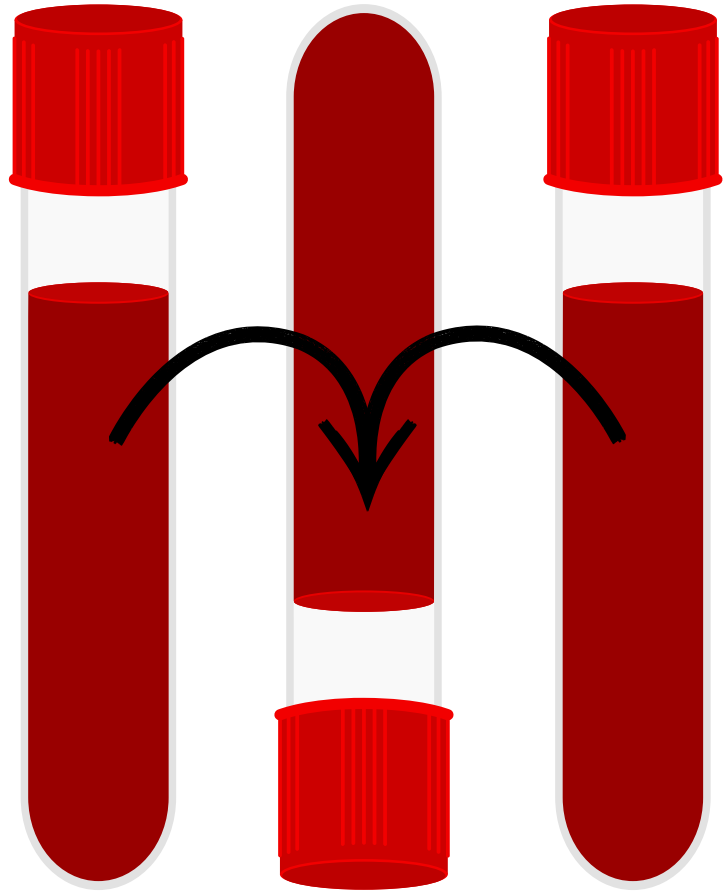

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Immediately after drawing sample, hold tube upright and gently invert 180 degrees and back. Repeat according to tube inverting directions.

Tubes have an expiration date. Always check date before collection.

If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please contact Client Services at (937) 297-8260.

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Tube Order of Draw Instructions

Be sure that tube is filled until the blood flow stops - wait an additional 1-2 seconds before removing tube from holder and withdrawing the needle from the patient's arm. As a rule of thumb, the volume of blood drawn should equal 2.5 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
CLEAR TOP	0	No Additive
BLOOD CULTURE BOTTLES Drawn First – NO INVERSION on Blood Culture Bottles		
LIGHT BLUE TOP	3-4 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 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
ROYAL BLUE (SERUM) - Red Line	8 to 10 Times	Trace Element, No Additive
DARK GREEN TOP	8 to 10 Times	Sodium Heparin
PST or MINT GREEN TOP	8 to 10 Times	Lithium Heparin
ROYAL BLUE (PLASMA) - Lavendar Line	8 to 10 Times	EDTA
LAVENDAR	8 to 10 Times	EDTA Lavender
GREY TOP	8 to 10 Times	Sodium Fluoride (glucose)
ALL OTHER TUBES	See Packaging Label	