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ORDER OF DRAW AND TUBE MIXING

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 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.

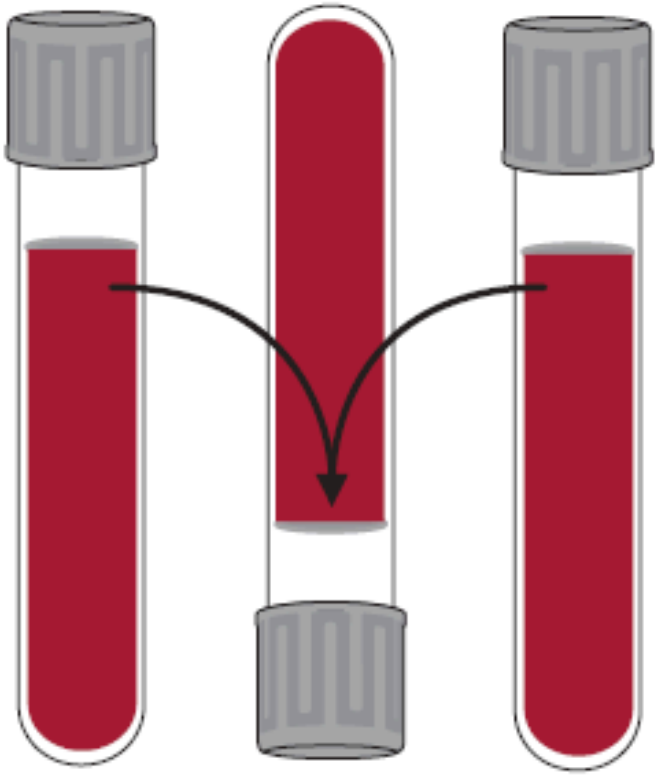
When using a winged blood collection set for venipuncture or when a coagulation (citrate) tube is the first specimen tube to be drawn, a discard tube should be drawn first. ***Do not send your discard tube.***

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	

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= 1 Inversion

Immediately after drawing sample, hold tube upright and gently invert 180º 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 contact Client Services at: (937) 297-8260.