## Phlebotomy: Order of Draw

Evacuated tube collection and or fill from syringe



**Blood cultures**: aerobic and anaerobic

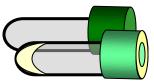
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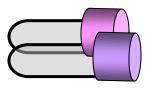
Blue top: sodium citrate



Red plain or SST tubes both contain a clot activator



**Green top**: lithium or sodium heparin



Lavender & Pink top: EDTA



Grey top: oxalate / fluoride

## Reminder:

- Always gently mix tubes to ensure that additives are dispersed equally through the sample.
- Always fill tubes appropriately for proper additive to blood ratios
- Capillary collections have not changed: collect the lavender 1<sup>st</sup>