

Type and Screen Minimum Volume Update

Collect

Preferred: 6.0 mL Pink top (K₂EDTA) labeled with patient's last name, first name, medical record number, date drawn, initials of the healthcare professional obtaining the specimen, and second person's (verifier) initials.

Utilizing READBACK VERIFICATION, the healthcare professional obtaining the specimen and a second hospital personnel verify that the patient's identifiers on his/her hospital identification bracelet match those on the blood specimen. Both persons must initial the specimen label attached to the pink top tube and, if used, the pink Transfusion Service request form.

In the outpatient setting, it is permissible for the patient to verify their identification and initial the specimen label attached to the pink top tube.

Minimum volume: At least 3.0 mL whole blood collected in a pink top, plasma (K₂EDTA).

Pediatric Collection

<4 months old

- Two 0.5mL purple microtainer (K₂ EDTA)

>4 months old

- Preferred: 3mL in Pink top (K₂ EDTA)
- Four 0.5mL purple microtainer (K₂ EDTA) OR