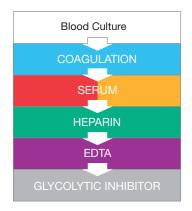


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a winged blood collection set is used, the first tube in the series will be underfilled. Therefore, if a coagulation specimen is drawn first, a discard tube (a no additive or coagulation tube) is recommended to drawn prior to this tube to ensure the proper anticoagulant-to-blood ratio.

NOTE: Follow your facility's protocol for Order of Draw

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| Cap<br>Color | Tube<br>Type         | Number of<br>Inversions |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| White        | No Additive          | N/A                     |
| Blue         | Coagulation          | 4                       |
| Red          | Serum Clot Activator | 5 - 10                  |
| Green        | Heparin              | 5 - 10                  |
| Lavender     | EDTA                 | 8 - 10                  |
| Grey         | Glycolytic Inhibitor | 5 - 10                  |

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## Specimen Handling



## Completing an Inversion

To achieve the proper mix of additive and blood, each tube must be gently inverted as it is removed from the holder.

## One complete inversion

- Turn the filled tube upside down and return it to an upright position
- Repeat required number of times for each tube type (see reverse for # of inversions)



## Importance of Mixing

- Insufficient or delayed mixing of serum tubes may result in delayed clotting
- Inadequate mixing of anticoagulant tubes may result in platelet clumping, clotting or incorrect test results