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Excess venipunctures resulting from unnecessary repetition of tests and duplication of orders should be avoided. Obtaining large quantities of blood, especially from pediatric patients and critically ill patients may result in phlebotomy- induced anemia. To minimize unnecessarily large blood draw volumes, pediatric tubes should be used on pediatric patients. Extra tubes should be drawn only on Emergency Room patients, trauma patients, Code Blue, and Stroke Protocol patients. Duplications and repeated orders that were found to be ordered in error should be canceled.

Please refer to the **Test Menu on the Intranet** for a listing of tests, type of specimen containers and the minimum amount of specimen to be collected.

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