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Weak or fragile veins may cause unsuccessful venipunctures with evacuated tubes. In these cases a syringe might be helpful.

Procedure:

1. Perform the same preparation technique as with the routine venipuncture.
2. Remove the needle and syringe from their sterile wrapper.
3. Secure the needle on the syringe. Do not remove the needle cover.
4. Pull on the syringe plunger to see that it moves freely.
5. Make sure that the plunger is pushed all the way forward before attempting to draw the specimen.
6. Enter the vein, bevel up, as with a routine venipuncture.
7. When you see blood enter the hub of the needle, release the tourniquet.
8. Slowly pull back on the plunger and allow the barrel of the syringe to fill with blood.
9. When adequate volumes of blood have been collected remove the needle.
10. Use a needle transfer device to transfer blood to the collection tubes.

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