Order of Draw for Multiple Tube Collections

Closure Color	Collection Tube	Mix by Inverting
	Blood Cultures	8 - 10 times
BLUE	Sodium Citrate	3 - 4 times
	Sodium Citrate	5 times
RED	Serum (with or without additive)	5 times (plastic) None (glass)
GOLD	SST Gel Separator Tube	5 times
GREEN	Heparin	8 - 10 times
LAV	EDTA	8 - 10 times
TAN	EDTA	8 - 10 times
GREY	Fluoride / Oxalate	8 - 10 times
Then other additive tubes		

Note: Cross contamination between additive tubes can occur, affecting the test results. The effect of the cross contamination is lessened by maintaining the correct "Order of Draw" sequence.

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