

Order of Draw- Vacutainer

When collecting several tubes of blood, follow the designated “Order of Draw” to diminish the possibility of cross contamination between tubes. Collection of tubes out of the designated order may impact results and could inaccurately influence treatment decisions.



Tube Type	Additive
Blood Culture - Aerobic	Sterile Specimen Media
Blood Culture - Anaerobic	Sterile Specimen Media
Yellow SPS	Microbial Tube
Blue	Sodium Citrate
SST/Gold/Red	Clot Activator
Royal Blue (red line on label)	Clot Activator
Mint Green / Green	Lithium Heparin
Dark Green	Sodium Heparin
Lavender/Pink/ PPT tube	K2 EDTA
Royal Blue (Lavender line on label)	K2 EDTA
Gray	Sodium Fluoride/Potassium Oxalate
Yellow (ACD A & B)	Trisodium Citrate/Citric Acid/Dextrose
TB Gold set (last 4 tubes in image)	refer to kit and collect in order shown

Additional Information



Caution: Navy (dark blue) capped tubes may contain K2EDTA (purple line) or clot activator (red line). The additive determines where they go in the order of draw.



This tube with a clear lid and red stopper cannot be used for testing. It is a discard/waste tube that can be used to clear a butterfly line prior to collecting a blue top tube when using a winged butterfly set or for clearing a line. *The preferred choice when clearing a butterfly line before collecting a blue top is another blue top as this eliminates any chance of contamination.*

Do NOT use a standard red top with a clot activator as a discard/waste tube prior to collection of a blue top.