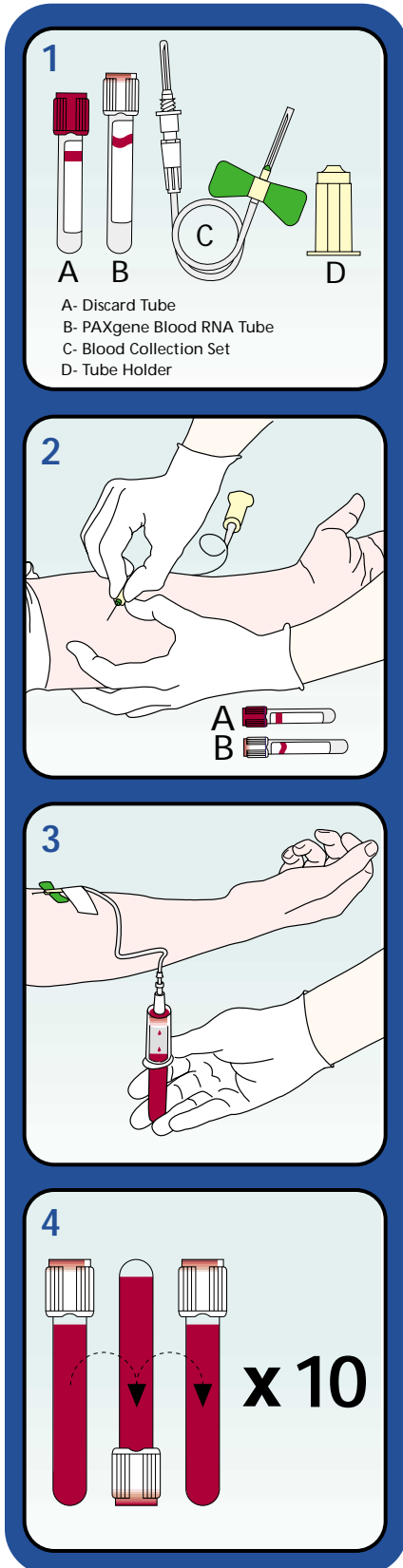


# How to Collect Blood Using the PAXgene™ Blood RNA Tube



## Required Items:

- 1a. Ensure that the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube (B) is at room temperature (18°C-25°C) prior to use and properly labeled with patient identification.
- 1b. If the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube is the only tube to be drawn, a small amount of blood should be drawn into a "Discard Tube" (A) prior to drawing blood into the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube. Otherwise, the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube should be the last tube drawn in the phlebotomy procedure.

## Venipuncture:

2. Using a blood collection set (C), collect blood into the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube using your institution's recommended standard procedure for venipuncture.

## Blood Collection:

- 3a. Hold the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube vertically, below the blood donor's arm during blood collection.
- 3b. Allow at least 10 seconds for a complete blood draw to take place. Ensure that the blood has stopped flowing into the tube before removing the tube from the holder.

## After Blood Collection:

- 4a. Gently invert the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube 8 to 10 times.
- 4b. Store the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube upright at room temperature (18°C-22°C) or 4°C.

Before Blood Collection



RNA Stabilization Reagent

After Blood Collection



RNA Stabilized Whole Blood



BD Safety-Lok™ Blood Collection Set

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