

Tube Order of Draw

When collecting your own specimens, it's imperative you follow the recommended order of draw.

If you need assistance, please call Patient Services or the Duty Manager on 9371 4441

Blood Culture bottles must always be collected before any other tubes

	Tube	Stores No & Vol	Instructions
1	 Sodium Citrate	Vacutainer 363095 2.7ml	Ensure full draw collected. Ratio of blood to anticoagulant is critical . Gently mix by inversion 5-6 times.
2	 CPDA or ACD	Vacurette 455056 9ml	Ensure full draw collected. Ratio of blood to additive is critical . DO NOT REFRIGERATE. Gently mix by inversion 5-6 times.
3	 Serum (SSTII)	Vacutainer 367954 5ml	Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times. Allow to clot for 20mins before centrifugation.
4	 Serum No Gel	Vacutainer 367895 10ml	Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times.
5	 Trace Metal Tube	Vacutainer 368381 6ml	Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times.
6	 Lithium Heparin No Gel	Vacutainer 367880 10ml	DO NOT USE FOR LITHIUM. Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times.
7	 E.D.T.A	Vacutainer 367839 4ml	Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times.
8	 EDTA Plasma (PPT)	Vacutainer 362795 5ml	Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times. For Homocysteine, centrifuge to separate from cells ASAP
9	 Fluoride Oxalate	Vacutainer 367935 4ml	Mix gently by inversion 5-6 times.