

Blood collection order of draw for tubes and bottles

ORDER OF DRAW FOR BLOOD COLLECTION

Collect blood into containers/tubes in the following order:

1. Blood Culture Bottle/s		
2. Citrate tube (blue) Fill to mark as the ratio of blood to anticoagulant is critical.		
3. Serum gel (gold)/ serum no gel tube (red)		
4. ESR tube (black)		
5. Lithium Heparin tube (green)		
6. Sodium Heparin tube (dark blue) for trace elements		
7. EDTA tube (purple)		
8. PPT tube (white)		
9. Fluoride Oxalate tube (grey)		
10. ACD Tube (yellow)		

RELATED PROCEDURE OR GUIDELINE

Blood Tube Guide and Order of Draw Reference Chart

Neonatal Collection Minimum Blood Volumes

Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute - Collection of Diagnostic Venous Blood Specimens 7th Edition (2017)

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