


ORDER OF DRAW GUIDE



BLOOD CULTURES	LT. BLUE Na Citrate	SED RATE TUBE	RST TUBE SERUM	SST TUBE SERUM	PLAIN RED SERUM	ROYAL BLUE PLAIN	GREEN TOP HEPARIN	LAVENDER PINK & PEARL	ROYAL BLUE EDTA	GREY PLASMA
	PT, APTT Coagulation Studies	Black top	Orange Gel Tube	Pumpkin or yellow gel tube	No Gel	Heavy Metals NOTE:	NOTE: There are light green and dark green tubes. Dark green tubes are both Sodium and Lithium heparin. Be sure you have the correct tube.	Lavender Hematology CBC etc.	Heavy Metals NOTE: Be sure that you have the EDTA tube. The Royal Blue PLAIN tube is very similar.	Lactic Acid MUST BE SENT TO LAB ON ICE
PEDIATRIC BOTTLE		ESR Sed Rate Westgren Sed Rate	Most Chemistry Testing BMP CK Troponin HIV <u>Outreach clients:</u> Draw an extra tube for GTT Fasting	RPR Serology Testing Send -Out Testing	Send out Testing Special chemistry	Be sure that your tube is the PLAIN tube. The Royal Blue EDTA tube is very similar. READ YOUR TUBE LABEL	Pink Transfusion specimens Pearl BNP Viral Load	Be sure that you have the EDTA tube. The Royal Blue PLAIN tube is very similar. READ YOUR TUBE LABEL		
Blood Cultures. Draw one green and one orange bottle for adults. One yellow for pediatrics TB/ Fungal—collect yellow isolator tube	NOTE: Fill completely. Line on tube. If using a butterfly, draw a blue waste tube	Fill tube to line. If using butterfly, use a lt. blue waste tube first								

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use the above chart to collect your specimens in the correct order. Using the incorrect order of draw will have a negative effect upon your laboratory test results.
- If a BLOOD CULTURE is requested, please follow proper skin cleansing protocol.
 - See our web site / policy for detailed instructions
- ACD tubes, when required, should always be the last tube collected.
- All tubes should be rocked gently 6-8 times after collection.
- Serum tubes should be allowed to clot upright for ten minutes prior to centrifugation.
- It is recommended that serum tubes be centrifuged

PT/INR and APTT INSTRUCTIONS:

- PT/INR Only—Transport at room temperature with 24 hours
- PT/INR and APTT—Transport at room temperature to arrive at lab within four hours of collection.
 - If timing for APTT cannot be met, Draw a separate light blue tube for the PT and APTT. Centrifuge and aliquot plasma from one tube. Transport refrigerated within 24 hours.

For detailed instructions: [WakeMed Find A Test](#)

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