

REVISED BRL SAFETY INITIATIVE!!!

Blue Top Tubes are converting from GLASS to PLASTIC Effective August 5th, 2008

BRL will be switching from the current glass blue top tubes to plastic blue top tubes. The whole blood volume in the plastic tube is 2.7 ml, HALF the volume of the current glass tube (5.0 ml). As a result, the number of tubes needed for tests may be increased. See list of tests below for number of tubes needed.

Reminder: Continue to fill the blue top tubes **COMPLETELY**.

Test Name	# of Glass Tubes Needed	# of Plastic Tubes Needed
Any one or combination of the following: PT/INR, PTT, Fibrinogen, ddimer	1	1
Activated Protein C Resistance	1	1
Anti-Thrombin III	1	1
Alpha 2 Antiplasmin	1	2
Dilute Russell Viper Venom Test	1	2
Factor Assays	1	1
Factor 8 Inhibitor Assay	2	4
Heparin Assay	1	1
Plasminogen	1	2
Platelet Neutralization Procedure	2	1
Platelet Aggregation	5	7
Protein C Antigenic	1	1
Protein S Antigenic	1	1
Protein C Functional	1	1
Protein S Functional	1	1
Reptilase Time	1	1
von Willebrand Assay	1	1
von Willebrand Multimers	1	1
von Willebrand Factor Antigen	1	1

For tests not listed or pediatric volumes call Client Services or your Business Development Representative at 413-322-4000.