

Order of Draw

Recommended when collecting multiple specimens in order to avoid cross contamination of tube additives, which may impact test results.

1. Sterile specimens (blood culture)
2. Coagulation studies, light blue (if blue top is the first or only tube to be collected, draw a “*discard tube” first)
3. Sodium citrate (black top)
4. Serum tube with or without additive (SST gold gel or plastic red top)
5. Heparin (green)
6. EDTA (lavender)
7. Oxalate/fluoride (gray top)

* BD Discard tubes (clear cap over red stopper) cannot be used for any testing. Please do not submit to the laboratory.