










Blood Collection

ORDER OF DRAW

Order	First	Bottle/Stopper	Additive	Notes / Mixing Chart
1		 Culture Bottles	See bottle label	
2		 Light Blue	Citrate	Tube must be filled completely. Mix by inverting 3-4 times immediately following collection. Note: When using a winged blood collection set and a coagulation (citrate) tube is the first specimen, begin by drawing another partially-filled citrate tube to ensure a proper blood-to-additive ratio.
3		 Gold	Gel, serum	Do not use gel tubes for toxicology or drug testing. Mix by inverting 5 times following collection.
4		 Red	No gel, serum	Mix by inverting 5 times following collection.
5		 Green or Tan	Heparin	Mix by inverting 8-10 times immediately following collection.
6		 Lavender, Pink, or Tan	EDTA	Mix by inverting 8-10 times immediately following collection.
7		 Royal Blue	EDTA	Mix by inverting 8-10 times immediately following collection.
8		 Gray	Sodium fluoride (glucose)	Mix by inverting 8-10 times immediately following collection.
Tubes with Other Additives				
9	Last	 Yellow	Citrate ACD	This tube is drawn last.

One complete inversion

Turn the filled tube upside down and return it to upright position

Repeat recommended number of times for each tube type



SEPARATION

For serum (no gel) tubes only.

