VACUETTE[®] SELECTION CHART

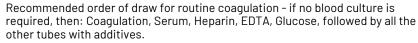


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Blood Cultures should be drawn first (aerobic followed by anaerobic)

Then f	ill tubes i	n the followin	g order		
ltem Number	Volume	Cap Colour / Ring Colour	Tube Type	Common Tests	Special Instructions
454327	3.5 ml	Blue / Black	Trisodium Citrate	PT, INR, APTT, D - Dimers, Thrombophilia Screens (x4) Plus 1 Ochre Lupus Screens (x2) Plus 1 Ochre	MUST be filled to the line
456018	5 ml	Ochre / Ochre	Clotting Accelerator and Separation Gel	Routine Chemistry, Hormones, Most Drugs, Viral Studies (Micro), B12, Folate, Ferritin, Copper, Zinc, Alcohol	
454084	4 ml	Green / Black	Li Heparin	Plasma U&E, Ketones , Cytogenetics	MUST be sent to the Laboratory IMMEDIATEL
454086	3 ml	Lavender / Black	EDTA	FBC, IM, Hb Variants, Sickle Cell, Reticulocytes, Malarial Parasites, PTH, Lead, BNP, TPMT, Renin, Aldosterone, Metadrenaline, Chromium, Cobalt, ACTH	
454022	3 ml	Red / Black	EDTA	HbA1C ONLY	
454238	2 ml	Grey / Black	NaF/EDTA	Glucose, Lactate	
729073	1.5 ml	Black / Black	Trisodium Citrate for ESR	ESR	IMPORTANT Tube should ONLY half fil
456242	6 ml	Pink / Black	EDTA for Cross- match	Blood Group, Antibody Screen, Crossmatch	One sample for all
456080	6 ml	Royal Blue / Black	Sodium Heparin Trace Elements	Some rare Trace Metals	

IMPORTANT Hold tube in place with the thumb until filled to the required level.



For speciality coagulation testing, if no blood culture is required please use a discard tube prior to the above order of draw. These are guidelines only, always follow your facility's protocol.

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