

TUBE TOP COLOR AND ORDER OF DRAW – EFFECTIVE July 30, 2015

1. 	BLOOD CULTURE bottle (room temp.)	8. 	DARK GREEN top (LITHIUM HEPARIN) plastic non-gel tube Ionized Calcium (not part of blood gas), Ammonia (ice)
2. 	YELLOW top glass tube (SPS) AFB Blood Cultures (room temp.)	9. 	BRIGHT GREEN top (SODIUM HEPARIN) plastic non-gel tube HLA-B27, Chromosome Studies
3. 	LIGHT BLUE top plastic tube PT, PTT, Fibrinogen, Fibrin D-Dimer, other Coagulation Testing Note: invert gently 3 - 4 times	10. 	LAVENDER top plastic tube Hematology: CBC, Platelet, Sed. Rate Chemistry: CD4, CD8, G6PD, Hemoglobin A1C & Hemoglobin Variants
4. 	GOLD top gel plastic tube Most Chemistry, Immunology Hepatitis & Serology Tests, HIV 1/2 Ag/Ab Combo (Do not use for Troponin, BNP)	11. 	WHITE top plastic tube (PPT) Viral Loads (Hepatitis & HIV), BNP
5. 	RED top plastic tube For tests requiring serum Note: contains clot activator	12. 	PINK top plastic tube for Blood Bank ONLY.
6. 	ROYAL BLUE top plastic tube Copper, Zinc, Trace Elements	13. 	TAN top plastic tube Lead
7. 	LIGHT GREEN top (LITHIUM HEPARIN) gel plastic tube Troponin, Metabolic Panels, Lipid, Liver Panels, Ammonia (ice), HIV 1/2 Ag/Ab Combo	14. 	GRAY top plastic tube Glucose, Lactate (Lactic Acid) (ice)

***IMPORTANT*:** Please follow the correct order of draw as numbered above and thoroughly mix all specimens (except Light Blue top) by inversion 8 - 10 times.

