

Order of Draw (Tube Guide)



Blood Cultures

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Collect Aerobic first, then Anaerobic. Do not mix.



Sodium Citrate

Common Tests:
D-Dimer, Coag profile, INR, APTT, Fibrinogen

Gently invert 8 times to mix. Citrate tubes must be filled to line.



ACD

Common Tests:
HLA typing

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Red Serum - No gel (Plain)

Common Tests:
Cryoglobulin

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Serum Separator Tube (SST)

Common Tests:
Troponin, LFT, U&E, CMP, Fe Studies, BSL, CRP

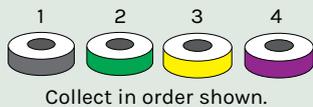
Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Lithium Heparin

Common Tests:
Plasma Metanephrines

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Quantiferon TB Gold

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Firmly invert tubes 10 times to mix.



EDTA (4mL)

Common Tests:
FBE, Tacro, HbA1C, ESR

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



EDTA (9mL)

Common Tests:
Blood Group & Hold/ Antibodies, HCV Viral Load

Gently invert 8 times to mix. Both the Blood Bank tubes & Collectors declaration on form **MUST** be signed



Plasma (Pearl) Preparation Tube

Common Tests: PTH

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Trace Elements

Common Tests:
Aluminium, Zinc, Lead

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Fluoride Oxalate (FLOX)

Common Tests:
GTT, Lactate, Ethanol

Gently invert 8 times to mix.



Blood Gas Syringe

Common Tests:
Venous Blood Gases

A separate collection is preferred. If ordered with other bloods, may be collected using a winged butterfly.

***Heamolysis warning:** Never inject or force blood into the collection tube through a needle from a syringe



NOTE: For heel and finger pricks requiring paediatric tubes, please refer to our Capillary Collection Order of Draw: <https://www.austinpathology.org.au/resource/DEJizRCPiL>



For more information, visit our Test Directory <https://www.austinpathology.org.au/test-directory>