

Blood Bank Testing-Updated Specimen Tube Type (Revised)

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Refer to the test index for specific test requirements. Summary of changes below:

- ABORh Type and Antibody Screen (T&S) testing will require one **full** 6ml pink top vacutainer (EDTA).
- When pink vacutainers are unavailable, **one full lavender tube can be used instead**. The PNK label can be placed on the lavender. A red top vacutainer is **not** required.
- EDTA anticoagulant is present in both pink and lavender top tubes.
- Pink vacutainers are the same as a lavender tube in the order of draw.
- Ordering information: 6ml pink vacutainer – ASC # 162432; Ref # 367899
- All blood samples must be labeled with the patient's full legal first and last names and eMRN/DOB. Collection date, time and collector's name / initials / ID must be documented on the tube labels or electronically. Specimens lacking any of this information will be discarded and a redraw will be requested.
- Both pink and lavender microtainers are acceptable for pediatric patients. 3 appropriately labeled microtainers are needed for blood bank testing.
- This change does not affect cord blood samples, they will continue to be collected in red and lavender top tubes.

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