

Tube Colors and Order of Draw for Lab Tests

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If you have any questions on what tube to draw, send out tests, or if the test you are looking for is not on here, please call us at 268-6134 (ext 7507) for assistance.

Green w/ Gel

Renal Profile
Complete/Basic Metabolic Panel
Phosphorus
Sodium
Potassium
BUN
Magnesium
Creatinine
Calcium
Albumin
Bilirubin
All Hepatic Studies
Iron/ Iron Studies
Thyroid Panel/ TSH
Lipid Panel/ Cholesterol
BNP
Digoxin
Hepatic Function
Dilantin
Amylase
Lipase
Ionized Calcium (To Lab Within 1 hour & Do Not Spin!)
Tropinin
Theomycin
Gentomycin
Tobamycin
Valproic Acid
Total Protein
Beta HCG
Alcohol
Salicylate
Phenobarb
Acetaminophen
Haptoglobin
Carbamezapine
Estradiol
Prolactin
LH
Vitamin D
CA-125
Ferritin
FSH
PSA

Pink

Type and Screen
Direct Coombs

Lavender

CBC
Retic
A1C
ESR (Sed Rate)
Ammonia (must be collected on ice with no tourniquet)

Gold (Orange with Yellow)

Vitamin B-12
Folate
ASO
PTH
Prealbumin
Lithium
Serum Pregnancy test
Heterophile
CEA

Small (4ml) Red

ANA
RPR
Vanco (trough/peak)

Blue

PT/PTT
Anti-Xa Unfractionated Heparin
Fibrinogen
D-Dimer
Plavix requires 2-Greiner 2ml tubes (blue top with white ring)

Large (10ml) SST w/gel (Gold/with yellow)

HIV

Large (10ml) Red no Gel

Send outs and most drug levels call with questions

Exposures

Always Draw **1 LG RED** and **1 LG SST (gold)**

Gray

Lactic Acid must be collected on ice and sent within 15 min

Order of Draw:

1. Red/Gold
2. Blood Cultures
3. Blue
4. Green/Mint
5. Lavender/Pink
6. Grey
7. Other