

## SPECIALIZED TUBE TYPES

### TIGER TOP / SST



- **Serum:** Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube.
- **Frozen Serum:** Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot serum into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice pack.
- **Serum Foil Wrapped:** Wrap labeled tube in foil after draw, allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube. Keep protected from light.
- **Frozen Serum Foil Wrapped:** Wrap labeled tube in foil after draw, allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube. Aliquot serum into labeled transfer tube protected from light, freeze, ship on ice pack.
- **Unopened SST:** If this tube is being drawn with any other tests, you will need an additional SST drawn in order to have this test performed.
- **Additional SST:** Draw an additional SST. Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube.

### RED TOP NO GEL



- **Red Top Serum:** Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot into labeled transfer tube.
- **Frozen Red Top Serum:** Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot serum into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice pack.
- **Red Top Serum Foil Wrapped:** Wrap labeled tube in foil after draw, allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot serum into labeled foil wrapped transfer tube.
- **Frozen Red Top Serum Foil Wrapped:** Wrap labeled tube in foil after draw, allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot serum into labeled foil wrapped transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice pack.

## LAV TOP



- **Whole Blood EDTA:** Gently invert tube. Do not shake, do not spin.
- **Plasma EDTA:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube.
- **Frozen Plasma EDTA:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.
- **Whole Blood EDTA Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube. Do not shake, do not spin. Wrap tube in foil or other material to protect from light.
- **Plasma EDTA Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled foil wrapped transfer tube.
- **Frozen Plasma EDTA Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled foil wrapped transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.

## SODIUM CITRATE LIGHT BLUE



- **Citrate Whole Blood:** Gently invert tube. Do not shake, do not spin
- **Citrate Plasma:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube.
- **Frozen Citrate Plasma:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.

## RB TOP RED LABEL



- **Royal Blue Serum:** Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot into labeled transfer tube.
- **Frozen Royal Blue Serum:** Allow tube to clot for 15–30 mins, spin tube, aliquot serum into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice pack.

## RB TOP LAV LABEL



- **Royal Blue EDTA Whole Blood:** Gently invert tube. Do not shake, do not spin
- **Royal Blue Plasma EDTA:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube.
- **Frozen Royal Blue Plasma EDTA:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.

## LITHIUM HEPARIN GREEN



- **Lithium Heparin Whole Blood:** Gently invert tube. Do not shake, do not spin
- **Lithium Heparin Plasma:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube.
- **Frozen Lithium Heparin Plasma:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.
- **Lithium Heparin Plasma Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled foil wrapped transfer tube.
- **Frozen Lithium Heparin Plasma Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled foil wrapped transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.

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## SODIUM HEPARIN GREEN



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- **Sodium Heparin Whole Blood:** Gently invert tube. Do not shake, do not spin
- **Sodium Heparin Plasma:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube.
- **Sodium Lithium Heparin Plasma:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.
- **Sodium Heparin Plasma Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled foil wrapped transfer tube.
- **Sodium Heparin Plasma Foil Wrapped:** Gently invert tube, spin, aliquot plasma into a labeled foil wrapped transfer tube, freeze, ship on ice.