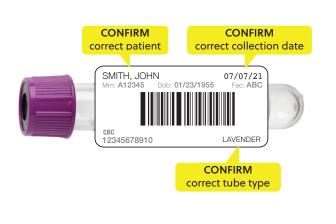
Specimen Collection & Handling

Follow Order of Draw and process all specimens within 2 hours of collection.

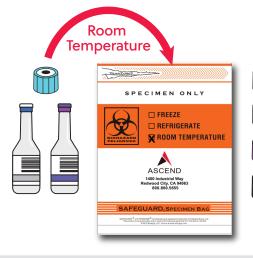
Order of Draw	Type/Additive	Invert Immediately	Centrifuge	Refrigerate	Common Tests
* B BACTEC	Bactec [™] Culture Bottles	×	×	×	Blood Cultures, Fluid Cultures
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Grid Co. Land Land Control of the Co.	Royal Blue Trace Element K₂EDTA	8-10 times	×	✓	Aluminum, Zinc
Notice of the second of the se	Red/Gray Stopper No additive	×	×	×	Discard tube for Light Blue tube, DO NOT send.*
	Light Blue Sodium Citrate	4 times	×	×	Prothrombin Time (PT)
	Red Clot activator	5-10 times	After clotting	✓	Therapeutic Drugs, Carnitine
The second secon	Short Green Lithium Heparin	8-10 times	/ Immediately	✓	Routine Chemistry, Ionized Calcium
The state of the s	Tall Green Lithium Heparin	8-10 times	Immediately	✓	Hepatitis, PTH, Ferritin, HIV, SARS-CoV-2 Ab, Vitamin D
Find time 98 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88	Lavender K₂EDTA	8-10 times	×	✓	Hematology, A1C, Fluid Cell Count, some Reflex testing
				*Only use if Light	Blue tube is first in order of draw.
Post Order of Draw					

Gold/White Post BUN Immediately **8-10** times Lithium Heparin **Other Testing** Black KrU, CrCI, PDA, PET X X No additive Yellow/Red Urinalysis X X Stopper Yellow/Black Urine Cultures X X X **Collection Buffer** X Occult Blood IFT **Yellow Stopper** X Fluid Gram Stain Routine Cultures, **Culture Swab** X Exit Site Cultures

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