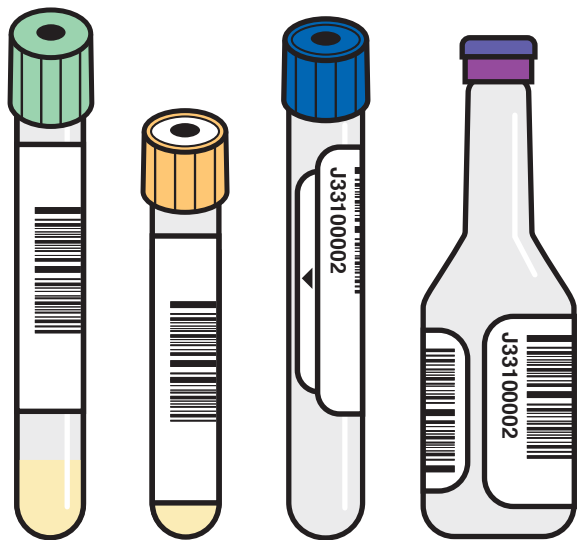


Specimen Labeling



Properly Labeled Tubes

- Accession and name oriented closest to the cap
- Label covers the manufacturer label
- Window view to specimen
- Nominal fill range or fill line is visible
- Barcode label **does not** cover the culture bottle barcode

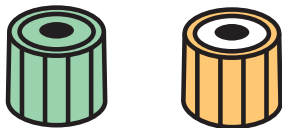


Unacceptable

Accession and name oriented towards bottom

Centrifuge Gel Tubes

Immediately after draw








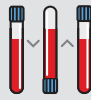


After clotting
Minimum 1/2 hour to maximum 2 hours after draw

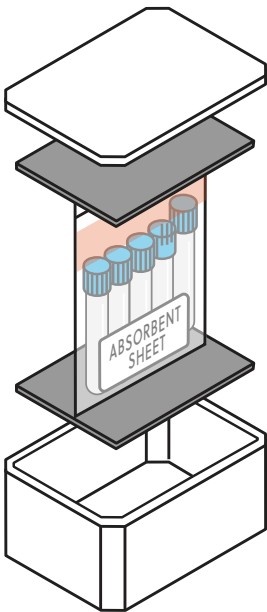


15 MINUTES, swing bucket centrifuge
20 MINUTES, fixed angle centrifuge

Order of Draw

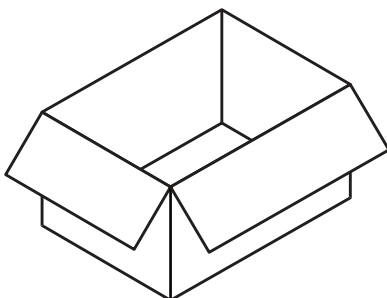
Order of Draw	Mix by Inverting	Centrifuge	Refrigerate
 ROYAL BLUE	8-10 times	No	Yes
 LIGHT BLUE	4 times	No	No
 RED	5-10 times	Yes (after clots)	Yes
 GREEN	8-10 times	Yes	Yes
 TALL GREEN	8-10 times	Yes	Yes
 LAVENDER	8-10 times	No	Yes
POST ORDER OF DRAW			
 GOLD/WHITE	8-10 times	Yes	Yes
 Example of one inversion	Draw all specimens, except POST BUN (Gold/White), prior to administering heparin		

Specimen Packaging



Room Temperature

Must use Specimen Transport Biohazard bag with absorbent sheet.



Refrigerated

Freeze ice packs flat.
Must use Specimen Transport Biohazard bag with absorbent sheet.
Use foam layer.
Specimens must not touch ice packs.



DO NOT refrigerate Light Blue Top tubes.

