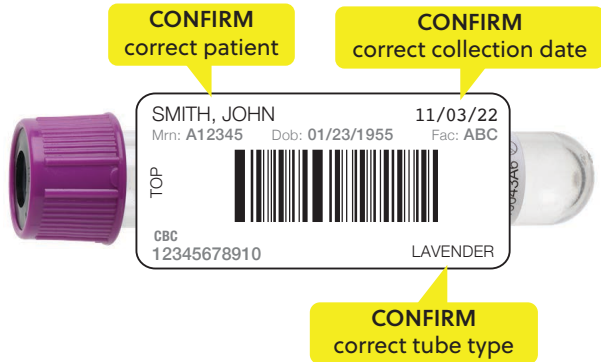


Specimen Integrity | Avoid Canceled Tests

Specimen Labeling

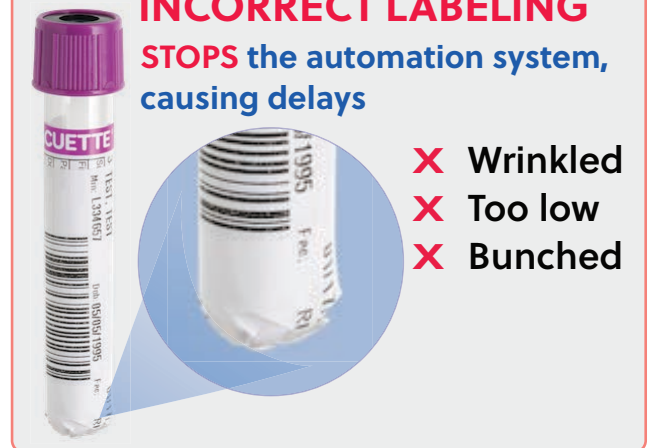
VERIFY LABEL



CORRECT LABELING



INCORRECT LABELING STOPS the automation system, causing delays



Centrifuge Gel Tubes

Centrifuge immediately after draw



Centrifuge after fully clotted
Minimum 1/2 hour



Drucker 755



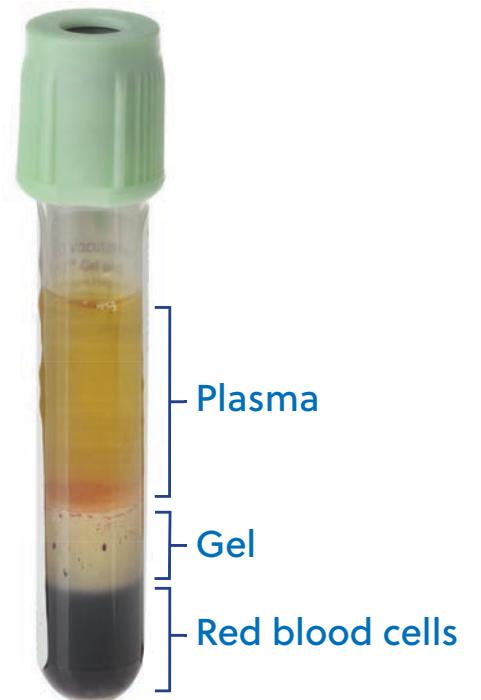
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- ✓ Opposing tube carriers/tubes must be identical
- ✓ Opposing tube carriers must be empty or loaded with an equal number of equally weighted samples
- ✓ If spinning an odd number of tubes, use a water-filled tube mated with the unpaired one

Properly Spun Tube

- ✓ Centrifuge before refrigerating
- ✓ Inspect tubes for proper separation
- ✓ DO NOT re-centrifuge



Common Errors

Unspun Tube

- Gel on bottom
- No separation of red blood cells from plasma

Spin immediately

Unspun Tube Left Standing

- Gel on bottom
- Natural separation of red blood cells from plasma

Spin immediately

Poorly Spun

- Plasma is pink to red due to red blood cell presence
- No complete gel barrier

Properly balance centrifuge

Clotted

- Clots adhere to tube when tilted

Invert tube IMMEDIATELY after draw

Quantity Not Sufficient (QNS)

- Draw range requirement not met

Use fill line/range as a visual guide

Hemolysis

- Plasma is pink or red

Follow proper specimen collection