

Order of Draw	Type/Additive	Process all specimens within 2 hours			Common Tests
		Invert Immediately	Centrifuge	Refrigerate	
FIRST ↓ LAST	 Bactec™ Culture Bottles Recommended volume for each bottle is 8-10 mL	✗	✗	✗	Blood Cultures <i>DO NOT overfill</i> <i>DO NOT cover manufacturer's barcode</i>
	 Royal Blue Trace Element NH	✓ 8-10 times	✗	✓	Aluminum, Zinc
	 Light Blue Sodium Citrate	✓ 4 times	✗	✗	Prothrombin Time (PT), Fibrinogen
	 Red/Yellow Clot activator	✓ 5-10 times	✓ After clotting	✓	Protein electrophoresis, C3, C4, ANCA, ANA
	 Red/Black Clot activator	✓ 5-10 times	✗	✓ After clotting	Gentamicin, Lamotrigine, Levetiracetam
	 Green Lithium Heparin	✓ 8-10 times	✓ Immediately	✓	Routine Chemistry, Cystatin C, Ferritin, Hepatitis, HIV, PTH, NT-proBNP, Vitamin D
	 Dark Green No Gel Lithium Heparin	✓ 8-10 times	✗	✓	QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus
	 Lavender K ₂ EDTA	✓ 8-10 times	✗	✓	Hematology, A1C, BK virus, Tacrolimus, Sirolimus
	 Streck Cell-Free DNA BCT	✓ 8-10 times	✗	✗ See instructions	TRAC (TM) Kidney dd-cfDNA, TRAC ID
	 PAXgene Blood RNA	✓ 8-10 times	✗	✗ See instructions	TruGraf Kidney Blood Gene Expression

Other Testing					
	White No additive	✗	✗	✓	CrCl, UPCR, UACR
	Yellow/Red Stopper	✗	✗	✓	Urinalysis
	Yellow/Black	✗	✗	✓	Urine Cultures
	Collection Buffer	✗	✗	✓	Occult Blood IFT
	Tall Yellow	✗	✗	✗	Urine Osmolality
	Culture Swab	✗	✗	✗	Routine Cultures, Exit Site Cultures

Labeling & Handling

Verify label information
Patient name oriented towards top



CONFIRM correct patient
CONFIRM correct collection date
CONFIRM correct tube type

Refrigerated



Room Temperature

