SPECIMEN COLLECTION TUBE TYPE



LABEL COLOR	LABORATORY USE	ADDITIVES/INVERSIONS AT COLLECTION
The stopper color alone doe	s not indicate tube type – also refer to the	
RED/BLACK ()	Serum Separator Tube (SST™) for serum determinations in chemistry and serology. Contains separator gel and should not be used for toxicology or drug testing.	Clot activator and gel for serum separation. 5 Inversions
GRAY)	For glucose determinations. Oxalate and EDTA anticoagulants will give plasma samples. Sodium fluoride is the antiglycolytic agent. Inversions ensure proper mixing of additive and blood.	Potassium oxalate/sodium fluoride Sodium fluoride/Na2 EDTA
BLUE	For coagulation determinations. A discard tube (either a non-additive or a coagulation tube) must be collected first to ensure the proper blood-to-additive ratio of the specimen.	Do not under-fill or over-fill tube. 3-4 Inversions
YELLOW	Glass tube with liquid ACD for use in blood bank studies, HLA phenotyping, DNA, paternity testing.	Acid Citrate Dextrose (ACD) 5 Inversions
GREEN	For plasma determinations in chemistry. Tube inversions prevent clotting.	Sodium heparin, Lithium heparin. 8-10 Inversions
LAVENDER)	K2 EDTA for whole blood hematology determinations and immunohematology testing.	Clot activator. This tube is used for blood and fluid collection.
PLAIN RED ()	For serum determinations in chemistry and serology, and for toxicology and drug testing.	
24-Hour URINE COLLECTION CONTAINER	This container is used when collecting urine for a 24-Hour test. Please screw lid tightly.	
STERILE SCREW CAP CONTAINER	For collecting urines for Urinalysis and urine cultures. Please screw lid tightly.	
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