
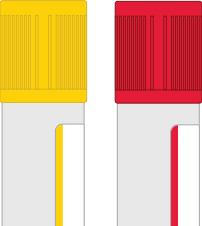


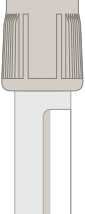


FILL ORDER*	TUBE IMAGE	APPLICATION
1		<p>SODIUM CITRATE tube</p> <p>Coagulation studies, von Willebrand factor (vWF) and other clotting factor assays.</p> <p>Note: Citrate tubes should be filled to the correct volume and clean stick venepuncture is required. Only use in-date tubes.</p>
2		<p>SERUM/PLAIN tube</p> <p>General biochemistry, endocrinology, serology, and therapeutic drug monitoring.</p> <p>Note: gel tubes are unsuitable for drug monitoring.</p>
3		<p>LITHIUM HEPARIN tube</p> <p>Avian and Reptile haematology and biochemistry. Some special biochemistry if serum is unavailable.</p> <p>Note: it is essential to also submit a fresh blood film with avian and reptile haematology requests.</p> <p>Note: Only use lithium heparin tubes if specifically indicated.</p>
4		<p>EDTA tube</p> <p>Haematology (including FBC, platelets, blood typing, cross-match, Coombs), Lead, Flow Cytometry, Endogenous ACTH (frozen EDTA plasma), specific PCR tests, Cyclosporin, Microfilaria.</p> <p>Note: EDTA tubes should be filled to the correct volume, and for full blood count and platelets always also submit a fresh blood film.</p>
5		<p>FLUORIDE OXALATE tube</p> <p>Plasma glucose.</p>

REMEMBER

- Choose the correct blood tubes for the required diagnostic testing.
- Apart from serum samples, please fill blood tubes to the correct volume marked on the tube.
- Traumatic or delayed blood collection can cause platelet activation and secondary aggregation, along with haemolysis of blood samples.
- Label all blood tubes clearly, and complete the accompanying laboratory submission form.

* Fill tubes in this order but only using the tubes you require, not all tubes may be necessary.

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