

# Coagulation Panel & Profile

**SAMPLE REQUIRED:** Correctly filled, in date citrate tube, EDTA sample (minimum 1 ml) if haematology is required, air dried blood smear

**BLOOD TUBE REQUIRED:** Citrate tube, EDTA tube

## Indications:

- Unexplained haemorrhagic disorders.
- Evaluation of possible intoxication or envenomation including rodenticides and snake envenomation.
- Pre-operative screening, especially with known significant hepatopathy.

## Collection Protocols:

1. Ensure that the citrate tube is within date.
2. Minimally traumatic venepuncture is essential. If there are problems with the venepuncture, then another needle and syringe must be used to collect a fresh sample from a new site.
3. The tube must be correctly filled to the mark on the tube. Over filled or under filled tubes may give erroneous results.
4. If haematology is required, make and air dry at least one blood smear.
5. Keep tubes refrigerated until collection.

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