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St. James's Hospital Phlebotomy Information – Blood Collection Tube Guide (Order of Draw)

Cat. Number	Spec Vol	Order of Draw	Tube Contents	Tube Colour	Mixing Instructions	Assay	Special Instructions
When Blood Cultures have been taken, Please Follow this Order of Draw for Blood Collection							
456202	5ml	1	Z Discard Tube	 red black	Not for analysis and used to prime the line	Not for analysis and used to prime the line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRIOR TO COLLECTING BLOOD SAMPLES FROM A NEWLY INSERTED PERIPHERAL VENOUS CANNULA (PVC) • PRIOR TO COLLECTING A COAGULATION SAMPLE USING A BUTTERFLY NEEDLE • PRIOR TO COLLECTING BLOOD SAMPLES FROM A CENTRAL LINE
454334	3ml	2	Coagulation Sodium Citrate	 black blue	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 4-5 times	Coagulation Studies	COAG MUST BE FILLED TO FILL MARK – INADEQUATELY FILLED TUBES CANNOT BE USED
456071	5ml	3	Z Serum Clot Activator	 yellow red	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 5-10 times	General Biochemistry, Immunology Tests, Virology Tests, B12/Folate/Ferritin, Drug Levels	FILL TO FILL MARK
454454	3.5 ml	4	LH Lithium Heparin Sep	 yellow green	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 5-10 times	General Biochemistry, Immunology Tests, Virology Tests, Drug Level Assays	FOR USE IN HAEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY DAY CARE AREA ONLY USE WITH PATIENTS WITH CLOTTING DISORDERS
456080	6ml	5	Sodium Heparin	 black royal-blue	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 5-10 times	Trace Metal Analysis	TRACE METAL TO BE TAKEN ONLY WHEN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
454023	3ml	6	EDTA	 black lavender	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 5-10 times	FBC, ESR, Red Cell Folate	FILL TO FILL MARK
456093	6ml	7	EDTA Crossmatch	 black pink	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 5-10 times	Cross Match, Blood Transfusion Tests	LABEL MUST BE HANDWRITTEN WITH FULL NAME, DOB, CHART NUMBER AND DRAWERS SIGNATURE
454297	4ml	8	Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate	 black grey	After Blood Collection, Invert tube 5-10 times	Glucose, GTT	SPECIFY COLLECTION TIME & STATE IF SAMPLE IS RANDOM OR FASTING