TUBE GUIDE

VACUETTE[®] BLOOD COLLECTION TUBES

VACUETTE® Cap Type/Color	Additive	Number of Inversions	Testing Disciplines
0	No additive	5-10	Discard tube; transport/storage; immunohematology; viral markers
	Sodium Citrate* 3.2% (0.109M)	4	Coagulation
	Clot activator**	5-10	Chemistry; immunochemistry; immunohematology; viral markers
	Clot activator with gel**	5-10	Chemistry; immunochemistry; TDMs
	Lithium Heparin with gel	5-10	Chemistry; immunochemistry
	Sodium Heparin Lithium Heparin	5-10	Chemistry; immunochemistry
	K₂EDTA K₃EDTA	8-10	Hematology; immunohematology; molecular diagnostics; viral markers
	K ₂ EDTA with gel	8-10	Molecular diagnostics
	K₂EDTA K₃EDTA	8-10	Hematology; immunohematology
	Potassium Oxalate Sodium Fluoride	5-10	Glycolytic inhibitor; glucose and lactate
	Sodium Heparin No additive	5-10	Trace elements
RING INDICATORS			
Gold/Yellow = Gel separation OBlack = Standard draw OGreen = Sodium Heparin OWhite = Low volume draw			

* If a winged blood collection set is used AND the coagulation specimen is drawn first, a discard tube is recommended to be drawn prior to this tube to ensure the proper anticoagulant-to-blood ratio.

** Complete clotting requires 30 minutes minimum clotting time. Incomplete or delayed mixing may result in delayed clotting.





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