



## VacuDrop Instructions for Use



### Intended Use

The VacuDrop is used as a part of a system of the **VACUETTE®** blood collection system for obtaining a droplet from a **VACUETTE®** EDTA tube.

### Product description

VacuDrop has been specially designed for haematological labs, where differential blood counts often have to be made. With VacuDrop a differential blood count can be made without opening the tube, with reduced risk of infection.

### Handling

1. Hold the **VACUETTE®** Blood Collection tube so that the cap points upwards.
2. Push the pointed spike of the VacuDrop through the stopper of the tube. Ensure that the stopper is fully penetrated.  
**NOTE:** Ensure that the contents of the tube (e.g. additive or blood sample), the cap or the end of the spike are not in contact throughout the procedure. It can lead to an unwanted blood smear.  
**NOTE:** Decapped and recapped tubes should not be used with the VacuDrop, as this can lead to increased pressure within the tube and to an unintentional blood smear.
3. Invert the tube as recommended.
4. Hold the VacuDrop over a slide and push the **VACUETTE®** tube against the slide. The pushing pressure and frequency will determine the size of the blood drop.
5. Dispose of the VacuDrop together with the tube.  
**NOTE:** When handling biological samples and blood collection accessories (i.e. lancets, needles, Luer adapters, blood collection sets and VacuDrop), valid hygiene and safety regulations must be observed and adhered to.

### Storage

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight.

### Precautions/Cautions

- Check VacuDrop before use. Do not use VacuDrop when damaged!
- Any VacuDrop that becomes contaminated with blood is considered as hazardous and must be disposed of immediately.
- Handle all biological samples and blood collection "sharps" (lancets, needles, Luer adapters, and blood collection sets) according to the policies and procedures of your facility.
- Obtain appropriate medical attention in the case of any exposure to biological samples (for example, through a puncture injury), since they may transmit HIV (AIDS), viral hepatitis, or other infectious disease.
- Discard all blood collection "sharps" in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.
- Gloves should be worn at all times during venipuncture to minimize exposure hazard.

### Disposal

The general hygiene guidelines and legal regulations for the proper disposal of infectious material should be considered and followed. After use, dispose of the VacuDrop and all single-use accessories together in suitable biohazard disposal containers. Disposable gloves prevent the risk of infection.

### Label Information

	Manufacturer		Do not re-use
	Batch code		Consult instructions for use
	Catalogue number		In vitro diagnostic medical device