Intended Use: The Blood Transfer Unit is used to transfer blood from a syringe into the evacuated blood collection tube. According to the recent CLSI (Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute) H3-A6, the use of a syringe transfer device is recommended when transferring blood from a syringe to a blood collection tube.

Product Description: The VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit is a single-use, sterile, blood collection accessory. The design of the device allows collection of blood from a syringe into a blood collection tube.

Precautions/Cautions

Precautions
Check VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit before use. Do not use device when damaged! Any VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit that becomes contaminated with blood is considered hazardous and must be disposed of immediately. Keep hands behind needle at all times during use and disposal.

The handling of VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit must be in accordance to the policies and procedures of your facility. HBV, HCV, HIV and other infectious diseases can be transmitted through contact with biological samples. In the event of exposure to biological samples, ensure that appropriate medical attention is obtained. Do not use VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit after its expiry date.

Caution
1. 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.
2. Obtain appropriate medical attention in the case of any exposure to biological samples (e.g., through a puncture injury), since they may transmit HIV (AIDS), viral hepatitis, or other infectious disease.
3. Discard all blood collection “sharps” in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.
4. Gloves should be worn at all times during venipuncture to minimize exposure hazard.

Storage
Store holders at 4°C – 25°C (40°F – 77°F).

NOTE: Avoid exposure to direct sunlight. Exceeding the maximum recommended storage temperature may lead to impairment of the device.

Handling Procedures

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WEAR GLOVES DURING VENIPUNCTURE AND WHEN HANDLING BLOOD COLLECTION TUBES TO MINIMISE EXPOSURE HAZARD!

1. Open the blister packaging and fully remove device from packaging.
2. Draw the blood into the syringe using your institution's procedure.
3. Disconnect the needle from the syringe, and dispose of needle immediately in disposal container.
4. Select VACUETTE® blood collection tube or tubes appropriate for required specimen.
5. Firmly attach a VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit to the syringe.
6. Insert a VACUETTE® blood collection tube into the VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit, fully penetrating the tube stopper.
7. Allow the blood to transfer freely from the syringe to the tube. To ensure the proper blood to additive ratio in the tube, use the fill line on the label as a visual control.
8. When the first tube is full and blood flow ceases, gently remove it from the VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit.
9. Place succeeding tubes in holder, following the recommended order of draw.
10. Gently invert the tubes 5-10 times (exceptions: coagulation tubes - invert 4 times; EDTA tubes - invert 8-10 times) immediately after blood transfer to reach a proper mix of additive and blood. Turn the filled tube upside-down and return it to upright position. This is one complete inversion.
11. Dispose of the syringe and the VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit as one piece according to your institution's policies.

Disposal

The general hygiene guidelines and legal regulations for the proper disposal of infectious material should be considered and followed. Disposable gloves may prevent the risk of infection. Contaminated holders must be disposed of immediately after blood collection in suitable biohazard disposal containers, which can then be autoclaved and incinerated.

Label Information on the packaging.

This Product Contains Dry Natural Rubber

References

M29-A3 “Protection of Laboratory Workers from Occupationally acquired Infections; Approved Guideline – 3rd Edition”

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