

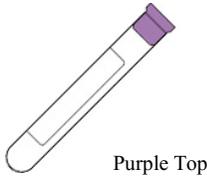
Collection Tube Guide

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ADDITIVE: EDTA Liquid

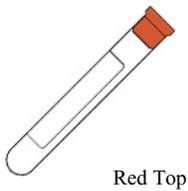
MODE OF ACTION: Forms calcium salts to remove calcium

Invert Specimen 10 times to prevent clotting

**Note: Specimens may be rejected if not received by laboratory
Within 24 hours of collection if Differential results are needed;
Within 48 hours without Differential results.**

**If a CBC is the only test ordered, please draw a Gold tube and
discard the gold tube.**

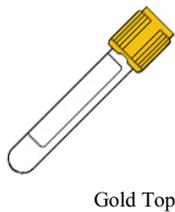
USES: CBC, MANUAL DIFFERENTIAL, PERIPHERAL SMEAR
REVIEW, HEMOGLOBIN A1C



ADDITIVE: None

MODE OF ACTION: Blood clots - serum is separated by centrifugation

USES: **Once Serum is separated by centrifugation, pipet serum to
Transport Tube. Red Top Tube can be used for serum transport
tube ONLY.**



ADDITIVE: Serum Separating Tube (SST) with clot activator

MODE OF ACTION: Forms clot quickly and separates the serum with SST gel at the
bottom of the tube upon centrifugation.

**Centrifuge specimen 10 to 15 minutes or longer if not complete
separation achieved (20-25 mm)**

USES: TB PANEL, COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL,
BASIC METABOLIC PANEL, HEPATIC (LIVER) FUNCTION
PANEL. LIPID PANEL. GLUCOSE

**Serum centrifuged within 2 hours for any Panel containing
Glucose and Potassium is CRITICAL. (Comp and Basic Panels
Glucose and Potassium)**

Panels: Basic Metabolic Panel
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel
Hepatic (Liver) Function Panel
Lipid Panel
TB Panel
GLUCOSE

} 2 – 4 ml. Serum OR Serum Separating Tube

CBC
Peripheral Smear Review
Hemoglobin A1c

} 3 ml Whole Blood

NOTE: Please check expiration dates on tubes; expired tubes will be rejected.