

BLOOD TUBE INFORMATION

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Filling blood tubes in their correct order is essential. If you do not follow the proper sequence, the various anticoagulants may cause cross contamination resulting in erroneous test results.

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1. Blood should be injected into tubes within 1 minute and mixed gently.
 2. Blood tubes should be fully filled in the following order (See table 2.1):

Table 2.1: Order of blood tubes

COLOR OF TOP	ADDITIVES
1. Red	None
2. Blue	Citrate
3. Green	Heparin
4. Yellow/Marble	Clot activator
5. Purple	EDTA

3. Use the following method of transporting field blood samples:
 - I. Label the blood tubes with the patient's name, date, time of draw, and the initials and agency of drawer.
 - II. Place the blood tubes in a sealable plastic bag bearing a bio-hazard logo and tape to the patient's IV bag.