



Draw order	Tube	color	Additive	Inversions <i>Do NOT shake</i>	General Use	Draw volume (mL)
1		Pink, blue, yellow	Aerobic and anaerobic	5	Microbiology blood cultures	20
2		Red		5	Microbiology AFB cultures	5
3		Light blue	0.105M Sodium Citrate (3.2%)	3-4	Coagulation testing, (eg PT, PTT)	2.7
4		Royal blue- <i>red stripe</i>	No additive	8	Trace Element serum (i.e aluminum)	6
6		Red	Clot Activator	5	Immunology (eg, HIV, Hepatitis)	6
7		Gold	Clot Activator and gel for serum separation	5	Chemistry	5
8		Mint	Lithium heparin and gel - plasma separation	8	Chemistry	4.5
9		Green	Sodium heparin	8	Various send out tests	6
10		Pink	Dry K ₂ EDTA	8	Blood Bank, (eg type and screen)	6
11		Lavender	Dry K ₂ EDTA	8	Hematology, (eg CBC), Chemistry (eg hemoglobin A1c)	4
12		Royal blue- <i>lavender stripe</i>	K ₂ EDTA	8	Trace Element whole blood (i.e mercury)	6
13		Gray	Potassium Oxalate / Sodium fluoride	8	Chemistry, (eg lactate, glucose tolerance)	6
14		Yellow	ACD (Acid Citrate Dextrose Solution A)	8	HLA cross matching; <i>Caution; look for tube with paper label</i>	8.5