

BD Vacutainer™ Plastic Blood Collection Tubes

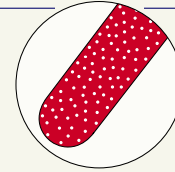
Preparing a Quality Sample

requires immediate mixing following collection

1

See the unique additive

All BD Vacutainer plastic tubes have either anticoagulant or clot activator within the interior of the Vacutainer tube.



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Draw correct volume of blood

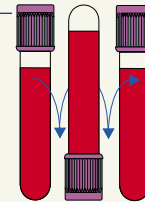
allowing the vacuum in the tube to be exhausted.

3

Gently invert

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Please refer to the chart below for recommendations.



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Process as usual

BD Vacutainer™ Tube Type	Closure Color	Number of Inversions
EDTA	Lavender	8-10
*Citrate	Light Blue	3-4
SST with gel	Tiger (Red Gray) or Gold	5
Serum	Red	5
Sodium Fluoride	Gray	8-10
Heparin	Green	8-10

* Plastic version not yet available for sale or distribution in the U.S.

Handle all biologic 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 event of any exposure to biologic samples (for example, through a puncture injury) since they may transmit viral hepatitis, HIV (AIDS), or other infectious diseases. Utilize any built-in used needle protector if the blood collection device provides one. BD does not recommend resheathing used needles, but the policies and procedures of your facility may differ and must always be followed. Discard any blood collection "sharps" in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.