







Vacutainer® Tube Guide including recommended order of draw

Hemogard™ Closure & Tube Content	Tests	Specimen Storage
 Citrate	Coagulation testing eg INR, coag screen, Protein C/S; ATIII, APTT, Thrombophilia Screens. Note: BLUE TOP TUBES must be completely filled.	<p>BLOOD TUBES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not refrigerate, unless special collection requirements apply. Electrolytes and Yellow Top tubes should <u>never</u> go in the fridge. Citrate tubes can go in the fridge <p>MICROBIOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chlamydia; urine: Store in the fridge. Swabs; faeces; blood cultures; sputa: Store at room temp. <p>LATE SPECIMENS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimens collected after the last courier of the day – some store ok; the ones below don't: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - electrolytes - swabs - urines - urgent specimens: call lab to organize a pick-up.
 Grey Fluoride Oxalate	Blood sugar only (BSL, Glucose, RBS, FBS).	
 Serum Separation Tube (with gel) Centrifuge this tube only	All general biochemistry & Endocrinology Cardiac Enzymes, Troponin. Serology (eg Hepatitis, Rubella, EBV, CMV, RRV, viral serology). Immunology (eg ANA, RF, Ig's, C3C4, antibodies). Hormones (eg TFT, BHCG, sex hormones, cortisol (but NOT PTH), B12, Iron studies (Fe), Monospot, , PSA, Drug Levels, Homocysteine	
 Dk Green Heparin (no gel)	D Dimer	
 EDTA	Blood count (FBC, CBC, FBE, WCC, Hb, RCC, ESR) Glyc Hb (HBA1c), Red cell folate, Malarial parasites, Blood Lead, Parathyroid hormone (PTH), HFE gene studies HLA studies, Blood Group	
 Trace	Trace Tube RBC-ZN, RBC-Mg, Selenium	

This chart is designed as a quick reference guide only. For more information, please contact the laboratory on (08) 9433 5696 (all hours).

SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELLED WITH PATIENTS SURNAME, FIRST NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.

MIX ALL TUBES THOROUGHLY BY GENTLE INVERSION 5 – 6 TIMES.

ALWAYS LABEL TUBES AND FORMS LEGIBLY.

FOR ANY OTHER TESTS PLEASE CONTACT THE LABORATORY on (08) 9433 5696