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## Lab Specimen Collection Manual – Order of Draw

### POLICY:

Blood specimens are collected using established Order-of-Draw guidelines.

### PROCEDURE:

Use correct order-of-draw/fill to help prevent cross contamination of specimens.

#### For Vacutainer Tubes: Order-of-draw/fill

- Blood Culture
- Red (Plain / No-Additive)
- Blue (Sodium Citrate)
- Gold (SST Serum Separator)
- Green (Lithium Heparin)
- EDTA (Purple / Pink)
- Grey (Sodium Fluoride)
- other additive tubes

#### For Microtainer tubes (Bullets): Order of Draw/fill

- Purple (EDTA)
- Green (Lithium Heparin)
- Gold (SST Serum Separator)

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