Contact the laboratory for minimum sample volumes

* All tubes must be gently inverted 8-10 times
* Unless otherwise specified, preferred sample volume for all testing is a full tube

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|  | **Container/Tube** | **Additive** | **General Information** | **Notes** |
|  | **Bactec - A**  Blue top  Aerobic Blood Culture bottle  **Bactec – N**  Purple top  Anaerobic Blood Culture bottle | Aerobic  Anaerobic | Optimal volume of blood is:  8-10 mLs/per bottle  16-20 mLs/per set | * Collect Aerobic   first     * A blood culture set is considered   1 Aerobic &  1 Anaerobic     * Each blood   culture set should be the same collection time     * Two blood   culture sets must be drawn at two different collection times  and when possible 2 different sites. |
|  | **Bactec - P**    Pink top  Aerobic Blood Culture Bottle | Aerobic | Pediatric Blood  Culture  1-3 mLs |  |

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|  | **Isolator** | Sterile | AFB Blood  Culture  Fungal Culture |  |
|  | **BLUE**  Light Blue | 3.2% Sodium  Citrate | Coagulation testing  PT, PTT | **MUST BE FULL TUBE** \*\* When using butterfly device to collect light blue top, always clear the tubing using a clearing tube. |
|  | **RBLU(-)Add** Dark Blue  ***No*** additive | No Additive | Referral Testing  i.e.,  Special  Chemistry collections |  |
|  | **RED**  Plain red  ***With*** Additive | Clot Activator **Plastic** tube | Chemistry, Referral Testing |  |
|  | **SST** Gold or Marbled | Clot Activator  SST - Serum  Separator Tube | Chemistry, Referral Testing |  |
|  | **Green/LI**  Light Green | Lithium  Heparin    PST – Plasma  Separator  Tube with Heparin | Majority of General  Chemistries |  |
|  | **Green/NA** Dark Green | Sodium Heparin | Referral Testing  i.e., Bone marrow,  Chromosome studies |  |
|  | **Pink/BB** Pink | EDTA / Potassium | Blood Bank  BB ID band may be required | No labeling correction  Allowed post collection |
|  | **Purple**  Lavender | EDTA / Potassium | Hematology  testing, i.e. CBC, ESR |  |
|  | **RBLU(+)Add**  Dark Blue ***with additive*** | EDTA (Na2) | Referral Testing |  |
|  | **White/PPT**  White top PPT | Plasma Separator tube with  K2EDTA | Referral Testing  i.e.,  Special molecular  testing |  |
|  | **Grey** | Potassium oxalate / sodium fluoride | Lactic acid\* | **MUST BE FULL TUBE** |
|  | **Yel/ACDA** Yellow ACD **Type A** | ACD Type A | Referral Testing  i.e.,  DNA /  Molecular testing |  |
|  | **Yel/ACDB**  Yellow ACD **Type B** | ACD Type B | Referral Testing  i.e.,  DNA /  Molecular testing |  |