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 topAerobic Blood Culture bottle**Bactec – N**Purple topAnaerobic Blood Culture bottle | AerobicAnaerobic | Optimal volume of blood is:8-10 mLs/per bottle16-20 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 correctionAllowed 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  |   |