



# PATHOLOGY LABORATORIES

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## SPECIMEN COLLECTION TUBES



### Blue top tube - Sodium Citrate (NaCitrate)

This tube is primarily used for coagulation studies (PT and PTT). Complete filling of this tube is essential to obtain accurate results.



### Lavender top tube - EDTA

EDTA is the anticoagulant used for most hematology procedures. Its primary use is for the CBC and individual components of the CBC. The larger 6 mL tube is used for blood bank procedures.



### Red top tube

This tube has no anticoagulant and is used for many chemistry tests, drug levels, and blood bank procedures.



### Navy blue top tube

There are two general types - one with K2 EDTA and one with no anticoagulant. This tube is used primarily for trace metal analysis.



### Gold top tube SST

This tube contains a clot activator and serum gel separator. It has no anticoagulant and is used for many chemistry tests. It cannot be used for certain drug levels or any blood bank procedures.



### Green top tube

Sodium Heparin or Lithium Heparin



### Grey top tube

Potassium Oxalate. This tube is used primarily for glucose tolerance testing.



### Yellow top tube

ACD (Sol. A or Sol. B)



### Mint green top tube

PST (mint green top) tube

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