

MGH PRODUCT NOTIFICATION

ALL Inpatient and Outpatient Units

DATE: Effective January 4, 2010

NEW DISCARD TUBE:

BD 3.0ml Plastic Discard Tube, PS#302119 Mfr. BD Ref. #366703

BD 6.0ml Plastic Discard Tube, PS#302120 Mfr. BD Ref. #366408

Beginning the week of January 4, 2010

- *Pars cart units will start to see new plastic Discard tubes on their carts*
- *All other care units must place an order from Owens and Minor (Psoft #'s above)*
- *Follow the NEW Order of Draw for specimen collection (separate flyer) with glass and plastic red top tubes*

PATIENT IMPLICATIONS/USE AND HANDLING:

- Discard tube to be used for
 - o Eliminating air or dead space from a butterfly needle tubing, before collecting the light blue top for coagulation (PT/INR etc) tests.
 - o Removing "waste blood" from a central venous line or arterial catheter.
- Available in 3mL or 6mL sizes according to your needs, you may need to use more than one tube to completely clear a central line.
- **IMPORTANT:** Blood will not clot properly in this tube; therefore it cannot be used as a substitute for a red top tube

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