

SPECIMEN COLLECTION ALERT - December 1, 2009

NEW RED TOP PLASTIC TUBE

REPLACES GLASS Red top collection tube

Refer to conversion notice for complete product information

Plastic Red top tubes now have an additive

- a clot activator is spray coated inside the collection tube

Plastic Red tops must now be mixed by inversion 8-10 times

- mix the clot activator with the blood to initiate clotting

The additive affects the order blood collection tubes are drawn (order of draw)

- must now draw red top tubes after light blue sodium citrate tubes to prevent erroneous test results in the light blue tube
- see the order of draw flyer dated November 2009
- Order of draw flyer is posted on MGH Lab Handbook, under phlebotomy information. <http://mghlabtest.partners.org/PhlebotomyInfo.htm>



Draw the 4ml tube for all tests with r beside the test.
New Product Information
Item BD Ref# 367812
Peoplesoft # 45764



Draw the 10ml tube for all tests with R beside the test.
New Product Information
Item BD Ref # 367820
Peoplesoft # 45765



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