Order of Draw



	Tube and Content	Common Use	Instructions
1	In the last last last last last last last last	Blood Cultures (if using Biomerieux bottles)	 Use a butterfly set and keep bottle upright Collect aerobic (Green) before anaerobic (Orange) Do not overfill
		Blood Cultures (if using BD bottles)	 Use a butterfly set and keep bottle upright Collect aerobic (Blue) before anaerobic (Purple) Do not overfill
2	Sodium Citrate	Coagulation Studies INR, APTT, D-Dimers	 Do not under fill If using a butterfly, collect a discard tube first Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 3 – 4 times
3	CPDA	Tissue typing	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
4	Clot Activator Tube (CAT)	Serology, Immunology	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
5	SST	Routine Biochemistry Tests, Serology, Immunology.	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 6 – 8 times
6	Lithium Heparin	See Specimen Collection Guide for common use.	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
7	Trace Metal (EDTA)	Trace Metals	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
8	EDTA (K2)	Full Blood Count	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
9	Blood Bank (EDTA)	Antenatal Group and Screen Cross match	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 6 – 8 times For NZBS label tube by hand. Collector's signature on tube must match signature on NZ blood service form.
10	PPT (EDTA)	Molecular testing	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
11	Streck Cell-Free RNA	Illumiscreen	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8-10 times
12	Fluoride Oxalate	Glucose	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 6 – 8 times
13	ESR	ESR	Mix Tubes by gentle inversion 8 – 10 times
14		QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Collection order: Grey, Green, Yellow,	 Collect 1mL blood (up to black mark) into each tube Invert 10 times thoroughly Ensure entire inner surfaces of tubes are coated with blood
15	Blood Gas syringe	Blood gas, bicarbonate	 Use syringe or butterfly set Replace syringe cap Roll between palms then invert 2 times

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