



Order of Draw

Blood must be drawn and collected in tubes in a specific order, known as the Order of Draw. This is necessary to avoid cross-contamination of additives between the tubes.

Order	Tube Color	Description
1	*	Blood Cultures
2	Cyan	Sodium Citrate
3	Red	Plain (No additive)
4	Yellow	Serum Separator (SST)
5	Light Green	Heparin Separator (PST)
6	Green	Heparin
7	Pink	EDTA
8	Grey	Sodium Fluoride
9	Yellow	ACD Solution

Notes:

- ⇒ DO NOT FORCE BLOOD INTO THE TUBES—this causes hemolysis.
- ⇒ All tubes with additives must be completely full so that the correct ratio is met.
- ⇒ Mix all tubes immediately after collection.