GUIDE TO TUBE TYPES (ORDER OF DRAW)			
Tube type	Additive	Laboratory Use	
Blood Cultures	 Nutritive Broth Aerobic and Anaerobic. 	 Trek Blood Culture bottles, glass, red and silver. Use aerobic only (silver) drawing minimal specimens (pediatrics) Reorder number 2201 and 2202 	
Light Blue 1.8 ml	• .105M sodium citrate (≈3.2%)	 Used for determining coagulation disorders and to monitor patients receiv anticoagulation therapy such as heparin, coumadin or warfarin. A clotting pr performed on specimens, as a screening test. According to the results of the profile, further specialized tests may be performed to determine coagulation factor deficiencies, platelet abnormalities, hypercoagulability, etc. Tube must be filled precisely for accurate result. Reorder number 15478 	
Light Blue 4.5 ml	• .105M sodium citrate (≈3.2%)	 For coagulation determinations. NOTE: Certain tests may require chilled specimens. Follow each tests recommended procedures for collection and transport. Platelet function assays and routine coagulation determination. Tube inversi prevent clotting. Available in Lab for Large Volume Coag Studies and Platelet Function Assay. 	
Gold	 Clot activator gel for serum separation 	 BD Vacutainer[™] SST[™] Tube for serum determinations in chemistry tube inversions ensure mixing of clot activator with blood. Blood clotting time 30 minutes. Use for PSA, Cortisol, Osmolality, etc. Reorder number 2263 	
Red	 Clot activator (plastic tube with 	• For serum determinations in chemistry and serology. Glass serum tubes are recommended for blood banking. Plastic tubes contain clot activator and are not recommended for blood banking. Tube inversions ensure mixing of clot activator with blood and clotting within 60 minutes. Use for B12/Folate, Cold Agglutinin (preheat tube), etc. Reorder number 2279	
Light Green		 BD Vacutainer[™] PST[™] Tube for plasma determinations in chemistry. Tube inversions prevent clotting. Used for Chem12, Chem7, drugs if assayed promptly, etc. Reorder number 2271 	
Green		 For plasma determinations in chemistry and select mailout tests. Tube inv prevent clotting. Use for whole blood tests like Ionized Calcium. Reorder number 3353 	
	 Spray-dried K₂EDTA 	For whole blood hematology determinations and immunohematology testing (ABO grouping, Rh typing, antibody screening, crossmatch). Use with special cross-match label for	

Pink		required patient information by the AABB. Tube inversions prevent clotting. Reorder number 21371.
Lavender	 Spray-dried K₂EDTA (plastic 	 K₃EDTA for whole blood hematology determinations. Tube inversions prevent clotting. Use for CBC, ESR, HG A1c (glycohemoglobin) Reorder number 2277.
Lavender	 Spray-dried K₂EDTA (plastic 	 K₃EDTA for whole blood hematology determinations in pediatric populatio Tube inversions prevent clotting. Use for CBC, ESR, HG A1c (glycohemog Reorder number 2260.
Gray	Potassium oxalate/sodium fluoride	• For glucose and lactic acid determinations. Oxalate and EDTA anticoagulants will give plasma samples. Sodium fluoride is the antiglycolytic agent. Tube inversions ensure proper mixing of additive and blood. Reorder number 7440.
Yellow		
Royal Blue	 Sodium hepar Na₂EDTA None (serum 	 For trace-element, toxicology and nutritional-chemistry determinations. Special stopper formulation provides low levels of trace elements (see package insert). Stocked in Lab. Call 6381