



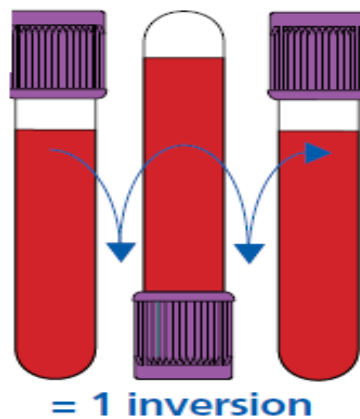
## Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Blood Collection Order of Draw

Closure Color	Collection Tube	Mix by Inverting
Aerobic/Anaerobic	Blood Cultures*	8 to 10 times
Light Blue	Sodium Citrate Tube**	3 to 4 times
Red	Serum Tube	5 times
Gold	BD Vacutainer SST Gel Separator Tube	5 times
Light Green	BD Vacutainer PST Gel Separator Tube with Heparin	8 to 10 times
Dark Green	Heparin Tube	8 to 10 times
Lavender	EDTA Tube	8 to 10 times
Grey	Fluoride Tube	8 to 10 times

**\* A Sodium Citrate tube must be drawn and discarded prior to the collection of blood cultures.**

**\*\* When using a winged blood collection set, a Sodium Citrate discard tube must also be drawn.**

Mix gently, inverting as shown



References:

CLSI. Procedures for the Collection of Diagnostic Blood Specimens by Venipuncture; Approved Standard-Sixth Edition. CLSI document H3-A6. Wayne, PA; Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute; 2007.

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