

RECOMMENDED ORDER OF DRAW SELECTION CHART

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If using a winged blood collection device, collect a discard (Citrates) tube to ensure correct fill for subsequent sample bottles



Take Blood Cultures first, then the required tests in order of draw.

	Item Number	Cap Colour	Draw Volume	Tube Type	Tests	Special Instructions
1	KFK225 454327	 Light Blue	3.5 ml	Sodium Citrate	Haematology: APTT, PT, Coagulation Screen, D-Dimer, INR, Thrombophilia Screen, Factor Assays, Lupus Anticoagulant	Fill between the arrow Mix well by inversion X 5
2	KFK061 456010	 Ochre	5 ml	Clot Activator with Gel	Biochemistry: Routine Biochemistry including Troponin Immunology Serology	Mix well by inversion X 5
3	KFK264 456084	 Green	5 ml	Lithium Heparin	Biochemistry: Some referral tests Haematology: Some referral tests	Mix well by inversion X 5
4	KFK256 454086	 Purple	3ml	K3 EDTA	Haematology: FBC, ESR, Sickle/Thal Screen, Malarial Parasites, Reticulocytes, PCR, HIV Viral Load Blood Transfusion: Maternal Kleihauer Biochemistry: Ammonia, HbA1c, BNP, PTH	Mix well by inversion X 5
5	KFK265 456093	 Pink	6 ml	K3 EDTA	Blood Transfusion: Blood Group and Antibody Screen, Crossmatching, DAT, Cord Blood	Label samples in line with Trust document CG014: Guidance for the Safe Administration of Blood and Blood Components Mix well by inversion X 5
6	KFK226 454085	 Grey	2 ml	Sodium Fluoride	Biochemistry: Glucose, Alcohol	Mix well by inversion X 5
7	KFK262 456080	 Dark Blue	6 ml	Sodium Heparin	Biochemistry: Trace Metals	Mix well by inversion X 5

Refer to the ICE Request Form for further information on tube type required.

HOW DELAYS CAN BE BUILT INTO PATHOLOGY TESTING

Blood Sciences receive over 4000 individual blood tubes per day, if labelled right first time; it can save delays in analysis.



The 'Perfectly labelled' specimen
Label straight and will pass through analyser first time.



The 'slightly inebriated' specimen
Angled on the tube and will fail to go through the machine, but will have to wait for cycle to finish, adding 40 minutes delay



The 'Two for One' specimen
Two labels on one bottle, when there should have been two bottles. Builds in delay as sample has to be presented **twice** to the analyser.



The 'I like it around the middle' specimen
The bar code scanner on the analyser cannot read around bends. Would fail to be analysed. Builds delay.



The 'will make sure its labelled' specimen
Two labels around the middle



The 'No one is accusing me of not labelling the specimen'
Three labels all the same, all incorrectly positioned. Takes time to remove all labels and reprint bar code

IMPORTANT



Hold tube in place with the thumb until filled to the required level

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