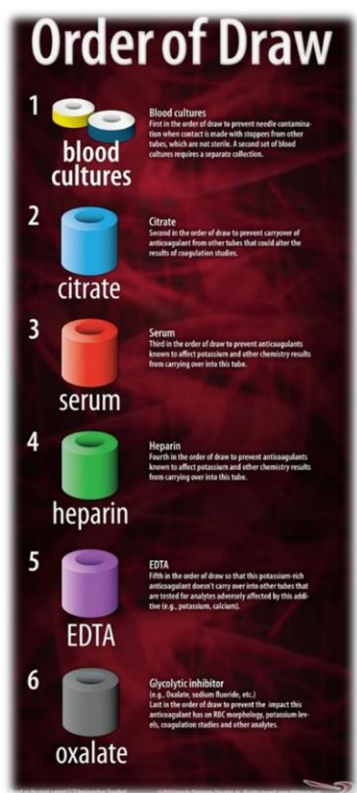


Laboratory Test Tube Color Guide
Common lab tests sorted alphabetically

Laboratory Test	Tube Color
ABG	Heparin Syringe – ON ICE ; send immediately to Lab
Ammonia	Lavender – ON ICE ; invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Amylase	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Anti-XA	Blue – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
APTT	Blue – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
BMP (Basic Metabolic Panel) Includes: Na, K, Cl, CO ₂ , Gluc, BUN, Creat	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Bilirubin	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Blood Cultures	Kit from Lab (call x3334)
Blood Bank: Type & Screen (ABO/Rh, Antibody Screen)	Pink x 2 – Blood Bank arm band on patient, include BB# on tube; invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Caffeine	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
CBC (Complete Blood Count)	Lavender – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
CKMB	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
CMP (Complete Metabolic Panel) Includes: Na, K, Cl, Gluc, BUN, Creat, T. Bili, Alk Phos, Albumin, Total Protein, SGOT, Ca	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
CPK	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Fibrinogen	Blue – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Folate	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
H&H (Hemoglobin & Hematocrit)	Lavender – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Hemoglobin A1C	Lavender – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
HFP (Hepatic Function Panel) Includes: SGOT, SGPT, Alk Phos, Total Bili, Dir. Bili	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Hepatitis Panel (Acute)	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Homocysteine	Green – ON ICE ; invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Ionized Calcium	Heparin Syringe – ON ICE ; send immediately to Lab.
Ionized Calcium- OUT PATIENTS ONLY	Unopened Gold-invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Lactate	ABG Syringe or No Gel Green – ON ICE ; invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives ; send immediately to Lab
Lipase	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Lipid Panel Includes: Trig, Chol, HDL, Calc LDL	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Lithium	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Lyme Antibody Screen	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Magnesium (Mg)	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Phosphorus (Phos)	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Mono Screen	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Mumps Antibody Screen	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Pre-Albumin	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Pro-BNP	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Procalcitonin	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
PT (Prottime/INR)	Blue – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
PTH (Parathyroid Hormone)	Pearl– invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
RFP (Renal Function Panel) Includes: BMP plus Ca, Phos & Albumin	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Rubella/Rubeola (Measles) Antibody Screen	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Sedimentation Rate (WSR/ESR)	Lavender – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Tobramycin / Vancomycin / Gentamicin	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Troponin	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone)	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
T4 Free	Green – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Varicella Zoster Antibody Screen	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives
Vitamin B12	Gold – invert 4-5 times to ensure proper mixing of additives



Correct order for drawing tubes: **Blue, Gold or Red, Green, Lavender or Pink**

Note: One inversion is upending the tube 180 degrees, then returning it upright.

For questions or for tests not listed, please call the Laboratory at 815-3334