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Clinical Laboratory Test Update

Sodium Citrate Blood Specimen Collection Tubes

The University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory currently accepts the following 3.2% sodium citrate (blue top) blood collection tubes for coagulation testing:

- Becton Dickinson Vacutainer® 2 mL collection (Lawson #12007)
- Becton Dickinson Vacutainer® 3 mL collection (Lawson #12010)
- Greiner Bio-One Vacuette® 2 mL collection, high altitude (Lawson #191357)
- Greiner Bio-One Vacuette® 2 mL collection, high altitude (Lawson #80547)
- Greiner Bio-One Vacuette® 3 mL collection (Lawson #80548)

Proper blood collection volume is required for acceptability of patient samples.

Sample collection:

- Avoid over or under filling collection tubes with patient blood
- Read the side of collection tube container for the **expected fill volume**
- Proper sample collection will expedite patient testing
- Improper collection results in an unacceptable sample and requires recollection, delaying patient testing

Please call Mary Ellen Boyle, at 720-848-7067 if you have any questions or visit our test directory at <https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital> for additional information.

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