

# What You Need to Know — UCH's Transition to 3.0 mL High Altitude Greiner Coag Tube

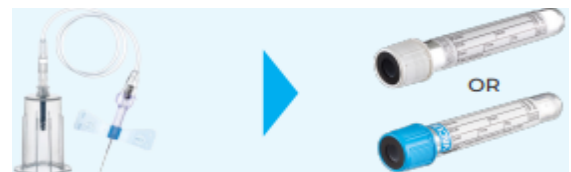
Effective September 1, 2025, UCHHealth will transition to 3.0 mL High Altitude Greiner sodium citrate tubes for coagulation testing.



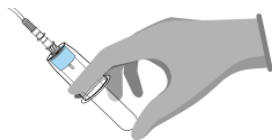
## Venipuncture Collection (Preferred) for Coagulation Testing

### 1 Collect a discard tube.

If using a blood collection device with tubing, collect a discard tube (white or light blue only) first to prime the tubing.



### 2 Hold the tube securely in place by pressing with a thumb.

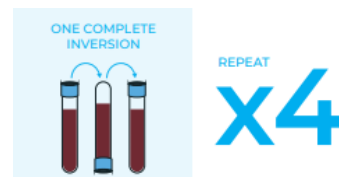


### 3 Ensure blood flow has completely stopped before removing tube from holder.

Blood must be between the **MINIMUM** and **MAXIMUM** fill indicators; samples outside this range cannot be confirmed for accuracy and will be **REJECTED**.



### 4 Remove the tube from the holder, and gently invert four times to mix blood and additive.



### 5 Carefully place patient label.





## Vascular Access Device (VAD) Collection for Coagulation Testing

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**Under certain circumstances, blood specimens for coagulation testing may be drawn from a vascular access device (VAD) using a blood collection system or a syringe.**

Flush the line with 5 mL of saline, and the first 5 mL of blood or 6 dead-space volumes of the VAD should be discarded