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Blood Collection Container Update - Red Tops and Gold Tops with Gel
Submission of Extra Red Top Tubes with Gel

The Greiner red top tube with gel is slowly being replaced by the new BD gold top tube with gel. Both products are equivalent and will be accepted by the Laboratory.

On Tuesday May 19, 2009 the Laboratory zebra collection labels will be revised to indicate the acceptance of both red and gold gel tubes. "Red W/GEL" sample type field will be revised to "GLD/REDGEL" to assist during the transition from red tops with gel to gold tops with gel.



Effective immediately, the Clinical Laboratory will no longer hold additional (extra) outpatient red top blood tubes with gel sent to the Laboratory to hold for future late add orders. Please draw and send to the Laboratory only those tubes needed for current orders.

Since the beginning of this year, almost 2000 extra red top tubes with gel have been sent from the outpatient clinics for the Laboratory to hold. Only 6 (0.3%) of these extra red top tubes have been used for add on orders. Additional processing, reagent, and tech time is required to store these specimens in the Laboratory.

The Laboratory will continue to process requests for late add orders for up to 5 days after collection using remaining sample available from previous orders. Please refer to our webpage for specimen collection and stability requirements.

Please call Lorne Holland M.D. at 720-848-7050 if you have any questions or visit our website at <http://www.uch.edu/for-healthcare-professional/Clinical-Laboratory/index.aspx> for additional information.

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