



LABORATORY COMMUNICATION
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Polymer gel in separator tubes causes erroneous drug results!

Gel separator tubes are not suitable for blood collection when drugs are requested, as the polymer gel absorbs the drug causing erroneous results.

DO NOT use tubes containing gel when drugs are requested.

When drugs are requested please use a blood collection tube that **does not contain gel**. If you are sending these samples to a referral lab (SBGH, HSC, WRL) please centrifuge the samples and send a labeled aliquot of serum. The recommended aliquot tube is the Sarstedt 12x75 mm polypropylene tube (cat#60557).

Effective October 6, 2008 samples received in inappropriate collection tubes will be rejected.

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