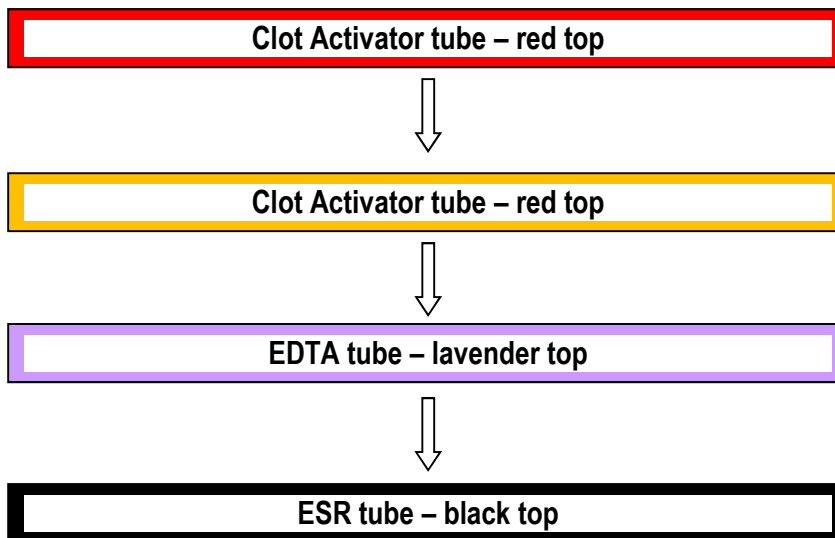


Blood collection

The following is intended to serve as a guideline for experienced personnel performing routine venipuncture procedure.

General principles for the blood sampling

- Blood collection order:



- Patient should rest for 5 minutes before the blood drawing,
- Always use gloves for each patient.

Blood collection technique (photos are taken from right-handed operator):

- Blood samples are collected with the vacutainer system
- Select venipuncture site
- Assemble supplies within easy reach of your subject and continue in gloves
- Apply tourniquet
- Clean the site with an alcohol prep pad. Allow the alcohol to air dry
- Puncture the vein with needle and obtain the tubes needed
- The tourniquet should be removed at the first sign of blood flow to prevent stasis at the puncture site



- Remove the needle from vein, immediately applying pressure to the site
- Check the puncture site to verify bleeding has stopped and apply adhesive strip
- Do not recap needle, but dispose of it using the appropriate biohazard needle disposal unit
- Remove gloves and wash hands



Please note:

Tubes containing anticoagulant should be mixed thoroughly immediately after filling to allow the blood and anticoagulant to mix preventing clotting.

