SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION OF SAMPLES, ORDER OF DRAW, LABORATORY SAFETY.

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SAMPLE COLLECTION

- SAMPLE TYPE
- SITE: PREPARATION OF SITE.
- TIMING
- METHOD
TYPES OF SAMPLES:

1. Whole Blood
2. Plasma
3. Serum
4. Sputum
5. Throat swab
6. Seaman
7. Urine
8. Feces
9. Body fluids
   1. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF),
   2. Peritoneal fluid
   3. Synovial fluid
Lab request form must be contain:

- Patient Name
- Time & Date
- Unique identification number
- Age/sex
- Name of Test
- Name of Doctor
- Location
- History
What to see on and inside the vaccuette?

**On Vacuette**
- Colour of vaccuette
- Name
- Unique identification number

**Inside the vaccuette**
- Sample volume
Specimen rejection criteria:

- Specimen improperly labeled or unlabeled
- Specimen improperly collected or preserved
- Specimen submitted without properly completed request form
- Contaminated form
- Improperly volume & leakage sample
- Absurd blood sample -: High electrolyte level
- Hemolyzed sample (show tubes)
Phlebotomy

- Gloves
- Needles
- The Hub
- Evacuated Collection Tubes
- Alcohol Wipes
- Syringes
- Bandages/Tape
- Gauze Sponges
- Tourniquet
- Sharps Container
- Povidone/Iodine Swabs/Wipes
- Requisition Form
Selecting vein site

Median cubital vein is the best choice (why?)

good blood flow
Most superficial

and from femoral artery
70% Alcohol

- Circular motion and from the site to outward.

Antiseptic allow to dry

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If not dry - Hemolysis

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Should not be touched
TIMING

- Fasting blood sample
  - Approximately 8 to 12 hours fast before blood test.
  - Drink only water
  - Regular drug allow

- Postprandial blood sample
  - 2 Hours after Regular major Meal

- Random blood sample
  - Anytime irrespective to meal
Lipid profile

- Fasting required

  Tri glyceride is high in non fasting sample

- Why fasting is not require for cholesterol & thyroid profile?
Method of blood collection

1) With Syringe and non-vacuum vacutte
2) With vacuum Vaccutiner
3) With Butterfly Needle
4) Lancet
1) With Syringe and non-vacuum vacuette

- **Advantage:**
  - Cheaper
  - Not extra accessory requirey

- **Disadvantage:**
  - Improper volume – especially when blood collection is require for cougulation profile
  - Haemolysis
2) With vacuum Vaccutainer

**Advantages:**

- Maintain proper volume of blood
- Safe & Speedy
- Reducing the risk of haemolysis

**Disadvantages:**

- not suited for small veins.
3) With Butterfly needle

- **Disadvantages.**
  1) The risk of hemolysis
  2) It is difficult to collect large quantity of blood as well as in multiple vacuette

- **Advantages:**
  - Useful in infants & children
Difference between Serum & Plasma

Plasma = Serum + Clotting factors (Fibrinogen).

- Both Has Same Following component
  - Electrolytes
  - Enzymes
  - Hormones

- How both can we separate?
- Can we use EDTA sample for biochemistry test analysis?
Preanalytic Interference In Sample

Haemolysis

- Reddish discoloration of serum/plasma due to rupture of RBCs.
- Factor causing haemolysis
  - Sampling = Inject forcefully in vacutte
  - Store = Frozen = Due to high or low temp,
  - Vigorously shaking of blood - trasnporatation

Icteric

- Yellowish discoloration of Serum due to high bilirubin.

Lipemic

- Milky or Turbid appearance of Serum due to high Triglyceride
CSF

- CSF collected in small amount
- So, CSF is collected in Plain Tube
  (For glucose estimation)
- Tube immediately transported to laboratory.
- Tube is keep over ice packs but do not allow to frozen
- Sample is as early as possible to analyse (half an hour)
Blood collection tubes:

- Serum separating tubes (SST)
- Plasma separating tubes (PST)
## Plasma Separating Tubes (PST)

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<td>- The strongest anti-coagulant - Ca$^{+2}$ chelating agent</td>
<td>- Hematology</td>
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<td>Dose= 1to2g/l of blood</td>
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<td>Light Blue</td>
<td>Sodium Citrate 2g/l</td>
<td>Ca$^{+2}$ chelating agent</td>
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<td>Green</td>
<td>Sodium Heparin or Lithium Heparin</td>
<td>Heparin binds to Thrombin and inhibits the second step in the coagulation cascade (Prothrombin $\rightarrow$ Thrombin)</td>
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<td>-Sodium Fluoride 2g/l</td>
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**Serum Separating Tubes (SST)**

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Order of Draw

1) Blood culture tube
2) Citrate tube
3) Plain tube
4) Heparin tube
5) EDTA tube
6) Fluoride tube
Why Blood culture tube collected first?

- Avoid surface contamination by Hands, Vacuette
Why plain tube is take after the citrate tube ???

- Plain tube – Clot activated
- This contaminate citrate tube
- Low result of PT
Why Heparin tube is take after the plain tube???

✓ Heparin contain Sodium or Potassium or Lithium salt.

✓ So it contaminate plain tube with Sodium or Potassium or Lithium salt.

✓ So result of Sodium or Potassium or Lithium is high if heparin tube is collected before plain tube.
Why is EDTA tube take after the Heparin tube???

- EDTA chelate calcium
- In plain tube ca+ result is low
- So Heparin and Plain tube collected before EDTA.
Why Fluoride tube is take after the EDTA tube ???

- Fluoride can contaminate EDTA tube if collected before EDTA
- Fluoride can distorted Red Blood cell Morphology.
- So Peripheral smear can not be reliable.
Laboratory Safety
LAbORATORY SAFETY

1. Never do mouth pipetting.
2. Barrier protection such as gloves, masks, goggles and apron must be available,
3. Phlebotomists must change gloves and adequately dispose of them between drawing blood from different patient.
4. Frequent hands washing whenever gloves are changed.
6. Facial barrier protection used for spattering of blood or body fluid.

7. Avoid using syringes whenever possible and dispose of needle in white coloured container.

8. Make a habit of keeping your hands away from your mouth, nose, eyes and other mucous membrane inoculation.
11. Decontaminate all surfaces and reusable device after use.
12. Before centrifuging tubes, inspect them for cracks.
14. Never leave a discarded tube or infected material unattended and unlabeled.
15. All employees must be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine.
THANK YOU