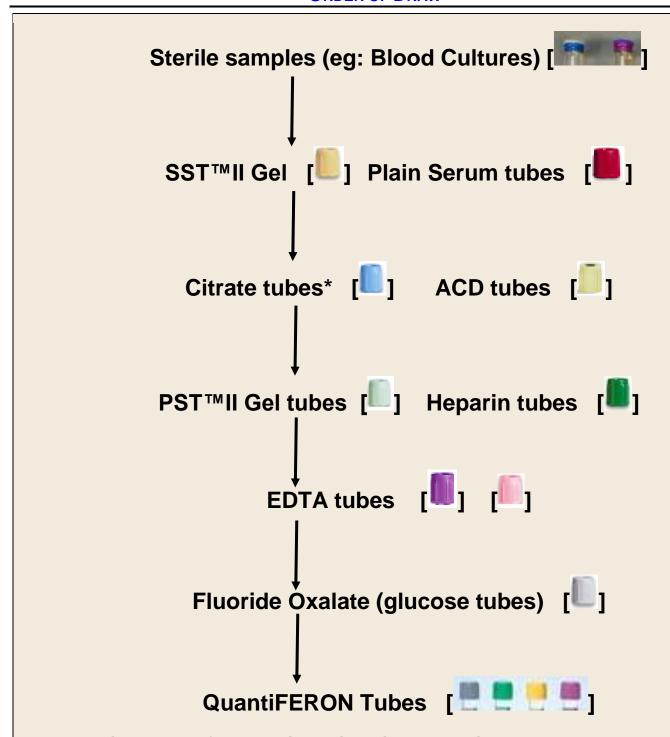
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- Gently mix all tubes after collection by inverting several times.
- When blood is collected from an arterial line discard the first 20 mL of blood to clear any heparin from the line before collecting the blood for coagulation tests.
- *Coagulation Tests When collection is by vacuum tube the coagulation tube should be collected second to avoid artefactual shortening of coagulation assays due to trauma of venesection. If no other tube is required then collect two blue-top tubes and discard the first.

Ref: NCCLS H3-A5 "Procedures for the Collection of Diagnostic Blood Specimens by Venepuncture". 5th Ed, Dec 2003.