

ORDER OF DRAW

Sterile samples (eg: Blood Cultures) []

SST™ II Gel [] **Plain Serum tubes** []

Citrate tubes* [] **ACD tubes** []

PST™ II Gel tubes [] **Heparin tubes** []

EDTA tubes [] []

Fluoride Oxalate (glucose tubes) []

QuantIFERON Tubes []

- 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.