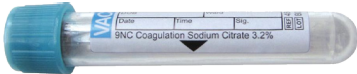







# COLLECTION TUBE PREPARATION

DRAW ORDER & TUBE CLOSURE COLOR	INFORMATION
<b>Citrate Tube (Light Blue)</b>	
	<p><b>PT</b> Invert tubes 3-4 times. <b>Must be shipped same day drawn.</b> If specimen will not reach lab within 24 hours, please centrifuge and pour into vial. Make sure to write Name, DOB and indicate Plasma. <b>SHIP FROZEN</b></p> <p><b>PTT</b> Invert tubes 3-4 times. If specimen will not reach the lab within 4 hours, please centrifuge and pour into vial. Make sure to write Name, DOB and indicate Plasma. <b>SHIP FROZEN</b></p>
<b>Serum Separator (Gold &amp; Tiger)</b>	
	<p>Invert tubes 5 times. Allow specimen to clot 30-45 minutes. Specimen must be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection time. Centrifuge for 10-15 minutes.</p>
<b>Serum Tube (Red)</b>	
	<p>Invert tubes 5 times. Allow specimen to clot 30-45 minutes. Specimen must be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection time. Centrifuge for 10-15 minutes and pipette into vial. Make sure to write Name, DOB and indicate Serum on each vial.</p>
<b>EDTA Tube (Lavender)</b>	
	<p>Invert tubes 8-10 times - Whole blood.</p>
<b>All Other Tubes</b>	<p>Invert tubes 5-8 times. Whole blood unless specific instructions tell you to do otherwise. Then centrifuge and pour into vial. Make sure to write Name, DOB and indicate Serum or Plasma on each vial.</p>
<b>Serum</b>	<p>Whole blood that has clotted and centrifuged.</p>
<b>Plasma</b>	<p>Whole blood that has not clotted but has been centrifuged and transferred into a vial.</p>
<b>Frozen</b>	<p>Some serum/plasma samples are required to be shipped FROZEN. Please contact Advanta Analytical Laboratories if you have questions.</p>
<b>Packaging</b>	<p>Please make sure when packing your non-frozen samples, you maintain specimen integrity. Place a barrier (2 paper towels folded) between the specimens and the ice paks. Specimens should <b>not</b> make contact with ice pack. Temperature during shipment should stay between 33.0–49.9°F.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Friday shipments please use the SATURDAY SHIPPING LABEL and email: jgarraway@aalabs.com of your shipment.</p>
<b>Shipping Container</b>	<p>All specimens need to be shipped in a Styrofoam container. This will ensure the integrity of specimens and prevent shipping damage while in transit.</p>
<b>AMB Temperature</b>	<p>Ambient temperature is a term which refers to the temperature which surrounds an object. Ambient temperatures play a major role in specimen integrity and various testing methods. Control methods are designed to keep the temperature stable, as temperature may fluctuate during transport.</p>

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