



CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

PROCEDURE

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TITLE:	LAB-SPC-04.02 Order of Draw for Blood Collections-PRO		
ISSUED BY:	Assistant Administrative Lab Director	REFERENCE #:	LAB-SPC-04.02-PRO
APPROVED BY:	Lab Director	EFFECTIVE DATE:	2004-04-14

SCOPE: All potential collectors of blood samples for processing at CMC lab.

PRINCIPLE: The following order-of-draw is recommended by NCCLS when drawing several specimens during a single venipuncture. Its purpose is to avoid possible test result errors due to cross contamination from tube additives. This procedure should be followed for both evacuated tubes, and syringe transfer of blood to multiple tubes.

PROCEDURE: ORDER OF DRAW IS AS FOLLOWS:

Closure Color	Collection Tube	Mix by Inverting
	Blood Culture	
Blue	Citrate Tube	3-4 Times
Gold	SST Gel Tube	5 Times
Red	Serum Tube	5 Times
Green	Heparin Tube	8-10 Times
Lavender	EDTA Tube	8-10 Times
Pink	Blood Bank Tube	8-10 Times
Gray	Oxalate/Fluoride	8-10 Times

RECORDS: NA

REFERENCE: NCCLS H3-A5, Vol.23, No.32, 8.10.2

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REVISION/REVIEW HISTORY:

Date	Affected Section(s)	Summary of Changes ('Reviewed' or details of change)
5/24/2011 dlt	None	Reviewed/Revised saved electronically in lab GDrive
10/30/2011lds	Format	New format for MCN policy manager
03-15-13lds	ALL	Newest MCN format. Reviewed. No content changes.
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