Quick Reference Collection Chart Vancouver Island

Purpose: This chart lists the correct tube type and number of tubes to collect for commonly ordered laboratory tests **when testing is performed at a LifeLabs testing laboratory**.



Mix 3-4 times

The following tests must be collected in 2.7mL Sodium Citrate light blue top tubes as follows. When using a butterfly needle, collect a discard tube first.

D Dimer	
Fibrinogen	
PT/INR/PTT*	

*If patient is on heparin therapy or an unknown anticoagulant, PTT must be collected in a separate tube to be aliquoted and



Each of the following tests must be collected in separate 6.0mL Red Top tube:

1,25 Dihydroxy-Vitamin D B2-Transferrin

Vitamin A Vitamin E

Mix 5-6 times



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The following tests can be **combined in one** 5.0mL SST gold top tube

Albumin	AST	Chloride	GGT	Lithium	SHBG
Alk Phos	BHB	Cholesterol	Glucose	Magnesium	Testosterone
ALT	Bilirubin	CK	HDL	Phosphorus	Total Protein
Amylase	C3	CO2	IgA, G, M	Potassium	Triglycerides
Аро А	C4	Creatinine	Iron	RF	Urea
Аро В	Calcium	CRP	LDH	Sodium	Uric Acid



The following tests can be **combined in one** 3.5mL SST gold top tube

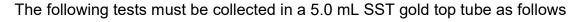
Carbamazapine

Digoxin

Valproic Acid

Hep A IgM

Mix 5-6 times





times

Hep B Core AB
Hep B Surface AB

Hep B Surface Ag Hep Be Ag



Hep C HIV



Hepatitis Acute Hepatitis Chronic



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Each of the following tests must be collected in a separate 3.5mL SST gold top tubes Free Calcium (Ionized Calcium)

Mix 5-6

times

Each of the following tests must be collected in a separate 5.0mL SST gold top tubes Anti-Mullerian Hormone

Specific Allergen IgE (SAIGE)

BHCG Carotene Mix 5-6

Phenytoin (Dilantin)

times



The following tests can be **combined in one** 5.0mL SST gold top tube

Cortisol Free T4 Prolactin Estradiol TSH **FSH** Ferritin Vit B12 LH

Mix 5-6 times Free T3 Progesterone

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The following tests can be **combined in one** 5.0mL SST gold top tube

C-Telopeptide Alpha Fetoprotein Thyroid Peroxidase

Anti Thyroglobulin Ab **DHEAS**

CA 125 **Growth Hormone**

Mix 5-6 CA 153 Insulin times

CA 199 Thyroglobulin



Mix 8-10

The following tests can be combined in one 4.0mL EDTA lavender top tube

Hematology Profile Malaria/Blood Parasites

Hemoglobin A1C times



Each of the following tests must be collected in one 6.0mL EDTA lavender top tube

Hep B DNA

Hep C Viral Load

HIV Viral Load

Mix 8-10 times

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