



Tube Type Changes for Blood Lead Testing effective 16 JUL 2024

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

In keeping with best medical practices related to evacuated blood collection tube types for lead testing, DMC University Labs is changing the acceptable tube type (**effective July 16 2024**) to a dedicated royal blue Becton-Dickinson vacutainer tube (with anticoagulant EDTA) *or for pediatric patients*, a lavender Becton-Dickinson finger/heel stick microtainer (with anticoagulant EDTA).

SUMMARY: EFFECTIVE Tuesday July 16th, 2024 the standard lavender tube typically use for venipuncture will not be accepted.

We will no longer accept *any* Greiner (brand) tube types for lead testing as they are not certified lead-free.

Sunquest Test Code: PB
Antrim Test Code: 37564
CPT Code: 83655

The product information for these tubes is as follows:

Becton-Dickinson Royal Blue Vacutainer Tube with EDTA
Manufacturer Name: BD Diagnostics
Manufacturer Number: BD368381
Supply Form Number: 49643938

Becton-Dickinson Lavender Microtainer Tube with EDTA
Manufacturer Name: BD Diagnostics
Manufacturer number: BD365974
Supply Form Number: 48156625

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