

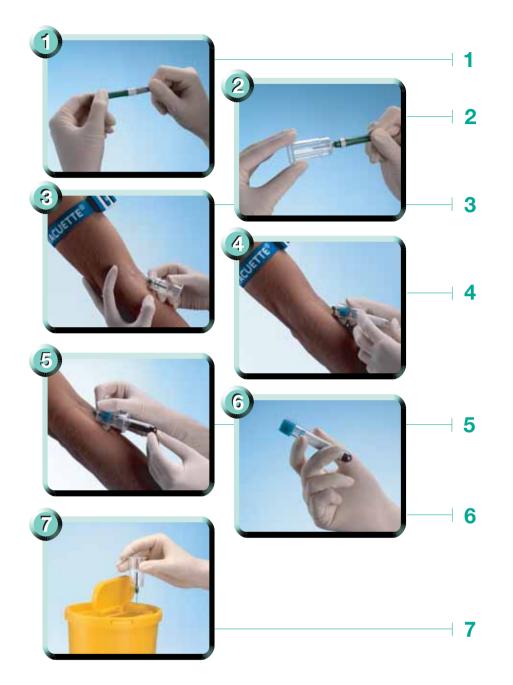


> One Step Ahead

VACUETTE®

Blood Collection System Instructions for use

VACUETTE® Blood Collection System



Venipuncture Techniques:

Remove the cover from the valve section of the multi-sample needle.

Thread the needle into the needle holder. Ensure that the needle is firmly seated in the holder. Leave the remaining section of the cover in place.

Apply tourniquet if required and disinfect the venipuncture site. Place the patient's arm in a downward position and insert the needle into the vein as usual.

Push the tube into the holder and onto the needle valve puncturing the rubber stopper. Hold in place with the thumb. The prespecified vacuum of the tube allows the required quantity of blood to flow into the tube. Remove the tourniquet as soon as blood appears in the tube.

When the first tube is full and the blood flow ceases, remove it from the holder. Further samples can then be collected by introducing more tubes into the holder.

In order to ensure correct mixing of the sample with the additives, gently invert the tubes 4-6 times immediately following collection. After the last tube has been drawn and the blood flow ceases, remove the needle from the vein.

Dispose of the needle together with holder in a sharps disposal container specially intended for this purpose.

Recommended order of draw:

- 1.) No additive tube
- 2.) Coagulation tube*
- 3.) Serum
- 4.) Heparin
- 5.) EDTA
- 6.) Glucose
- 7.) All others
- * When drawn first then only suitable for routine tests (i.e. PT and aPTT)

Note: Blood culture tubes to be drawn first.

Note: Always follow your facility's protocol for order of draw.

According to NCCLS Guidelines



Decapping:

Remove the cap of the tube by twisting in an anticlockwise direction with a simple twist-pull motion. Tubes of 13 mm diameter are fitted with the unique SAFETY screw cap meeting the highest demands in safety and hygiene.



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