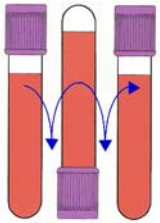
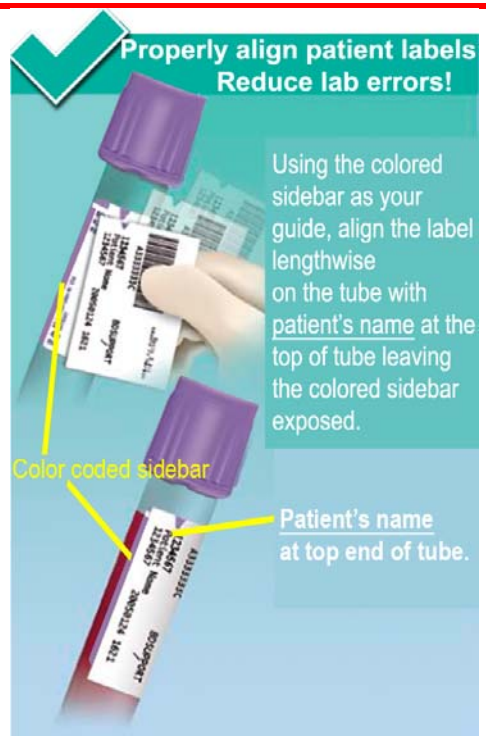
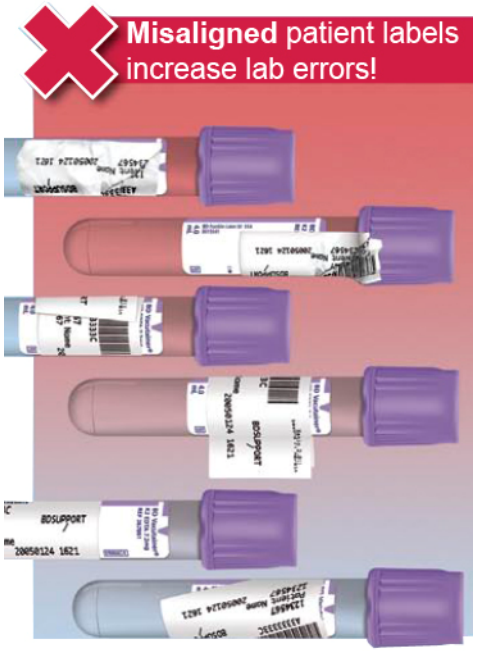
PLASTIC TUBE TOP COLOR AND ORDER OF DRAW – EFFECTIVE March 2009

Draw Blood Culture bottles first, then proceed with blood tube order of draw (1-12) below:

1.	LIGHT BLUE top plastic tube PT, PTT, Fibrinogen, Fibrin D-Dimer, other Coagulation Testing Note: invert gently 3 - 4 times	7.	BRIGHT GREEN top (SODIUM HEPARIN) plastic non-gel tube Mycobacteriology (AFB) Blood Culture, HLA-B27, Chromosome Studies
2.	GOLD gel plastic tube Most Chemistry tests & Immunology Tests, Hepatitis Tests, Serologies (Do not use for Troponin, BNP)	8.	LAVENDER top plastic tube Hematology: CBC, Platelet, Sed. Rate Chemistry: CD4, CD8, G6PD, Hemoglobin A1C & Hemoglobin Variants
3.	RED top plastic tube For tests requiring serum Note: contains clot activator	9.	WHITE top plastic tube (PPT) Hepatitis and HIV Viral Loads, BNP
4.	ROYAL BLUE top plastic tube Copper, Zinc, Trace Elements	10.	PINK top plastic tube for Blood Bank ONLY.
5.	LIGHT GREEN top (LITHIUM HEPARIN) gel plastic tube Troponin, Metabolic Panels, Lipid, Liver Panels, Ammonia (ice), HIV Rapid Anti-body	11.	TAN top plastic tube Lead
6.	DARK GREEN top (LITHIUM HEPARIN) plastic non-gel tube Ionized Calcium (not part of blood gas), Ammonia (ice)	12.	GRAY top plastic tube Glucose, Lactate (Lactic Acid) on ice

IMPORTANT: Please follow the correct order of draw as numbered above and thoroughly mix all specimens (except Light Blue top) by inversion 8 - 10 times.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