



# Medical Center

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## MEMORANDUM

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### USE OF MICROTAINER TUBES FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

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Date: 10/29/08  
To: VCUHS Clinical Staff  
From: VCUHS Clinical Laboratory

For Microtainer Tube collection, the following tests should be collected in a Gold-Top SST Microtainer tube ONLY. Gold-Top SST (Serum Separator) Microtainer tubes contains a clot activator and gel for separating serum from cells, but no anticoagulant:

<b>AFP</b>	<b>LH</b>
<b>Amikacin</b>	<b>Opiate</b>
<b>Barbiturate</b>	<b>Prealbumin</b>
<b>Benzodiazepine</b>	<b>Progesterone</b>
<b>C3</b>	<b>Prolactin</b>
<b>C4</b>	<b>PSA</b>
<b>CA 125</b>	<b>Haptoglobin</b>
<b>CEA</b>	<b>T3</b>
<b>Opiate</b>	<b>Total T4</b>
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>Tobramycin</b>
<b>Estradiol</b>	<b>TSH</b>
<b>Folate</b>	<b>T-Uptake</b>
<b>Free T4</b>	<b>Vitamin B12</b>
<b>FSH</b>	<b>Lithium</b>
<b>HCG (Quant/Qual)</b>	<b>PTH</b>
<b>IgE</b>	

**\*\*\*All other tests should be collected in a Lithium-Heparin (plasma) Microtainer tube unless otherwise specified in the VCUHS Laboratory Handbook.**

For more information please call: Tamika Givens @ 828-0379 or Client Services @ 8-PATH.