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Re: CN0043: ESR Sample Requirements

Dear Colleague,

MedLab Pathology (MLP) would like to advise clients of the sample requirements for ESR analysis.

BD Vacutainer Blood Collection System

If using the BD Vacutainer Blood Collection System a minimum of 1 x 3ml EDTA tube is required. It is essential that this tube is fully filled to the fill line. If you cannot reach the fill lines please ensure you send 2 x 3ml EDTA tubes to prevent your analysis being reported as 'Insufficient Sample Received'.

Sarstedt S-Monovette Blood Collection System

If using the Sarstedt S-Monovette Blood Collection System a minimum of 2 x 2.7ml EDTA tube is required. It is essential that blood tubes are fully filled to their fill lines. If you cannot reach the fill lines please ensure you send 3 x 2.7ml EDTA tubes to prevent your analysis being reported as 'Insufficient Sample Received'.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries you may have.

Kind regards,



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