

LAVENDER TEST TUBE (EDTA) ACCEPTABLE FOR TRACE ELEMENT AND HEAVY METAL TESTING

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LAB ALERT

LAVENDER TEST TUBE (EDTA) CAN NOW BE USED IN PLACE OF ROYAL BLUE (EDTA) TEST TUBES

- This is an update to the PDL Update Royal Blue Tube Shortage sent on June 30, 2022
- Our referral laboratory, LabCorp, has informed us that Lavender Test Tube (EDTA) specimens can be used as an alternative tube for tests that indicate Royal Blue (EDTA) Test Tube
- Royal Blue (metal free) Test Tubes continue to be unavailable; shortage is due to supply chain challenges impacting manufacturing and distribution
- No firm timeframe has been provided for resupply of the Royal Blue Test Tubes

IMPACTED TESTS		ALTERNATIVE TUBE TYPES
LAB665	Aluminum	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB9290	Arsenic, Blood	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB10158	Boron Quantitative	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB9636	Cadmium Standard Profile (Blood and Urine)	Lavender top (EDTA) and Urine container
LAB9337	Cadmium, Blood	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB10184	Chromium and Cobalt (MoM)	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB967	Chromium, Plasma	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB1020	Cobalt	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB817	Copper	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB832	Heavy Metals Profile II, Blood (<i>Lead, Arsenic, Cadmium, Mercury</i>)	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB8960	Iodine	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB8809	Lead Standard Profile	Tan Top or Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB98	Lead, Blood (Adult)	Tan Top or Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB10280	Lead, Blood (Pediatric)	Tan Top or Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB104	Magnesium, RBC	Green top, Tan top or Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB1050	Manganese, Blood	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB831	Mercury, Blood	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB579	Selenium	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB10154	Selenium, RBC	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB581	Zinc	Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB10756	Zinc Protoporphyrin (ZPP)	Tan Top or Lavender top (EDTA)
LAB9223	Zinc, RBC	Lavender top (EDTA)

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