

# Laboratory Tube Type Abbreviations in Sunquest Collect

Sunquest Collect container naming formula is: Tube top colour, Size (if different from the default size), Special handling (if needed).

For example:

- 2.7 mL light blue top tube with citrate is **Blue**, 5 mL tall gold top tube is **GldTall**, and 3 mL light green top tube with tape wrapped around the stopper is **LTGrTpe**.
- Size of tube is not included in the abbreviation if it is the common or default size. Tall or TALL indicate a 5 or 6 mL size tube. P or Ped indicates a microcontainer, and 1.8 is used for the 1.8 mL citrate tubes—pediatric tube specifications are not generally used at Providence Healthcare sites.
- Special handling includes: **Foil**, wrap tube in foil for transport to lab; **Ice**, place tube in ice for transport to the lab; **37**, place tube in 37° thermos for transport to the lab; **Tape**, wrap tape around the tube cap before transporting to the lab.

Below is a table that lists of all the Sunquest Collect tube type abbreviations, organized by the tube top colour.

Sunquest Collect Container Abbreviations by Tube Top Colour					
Red Top (Serum)		Light Green Top with Gel Separator (Lithium Heparin Plasma)		Lavender Top (EDTA Plasma)	
Red (RTall)	• 6 mL tube	LTGreen	• 3 mL tube	Lav	• 3 mL tube
RedFoil	• 6 mL tube wrapped in foil for transport	LTGFoil	• 3 mL tube wrapped in foil for transport	LavFoil	• 3 mL tube wrapped in foil for transport
RedIce	• 6 mL tube placed in ice for transport	LTGrIce	• 3 mL tube placed in ice for transport	LavIce	• 3 mL tube placed in ice for transport
Red37 (RTall37)	• 6 mL tube placed in a 37° thermos for transport	LTGrTpe	• 3 mL tube with tape wrapped around the stopper	Lav37	• 3 mL tube placed in a 37° thermos for transport
				LavTall (LavTALL)	• 6 mL tube
				TLvTape	• 6 mL tube with tape wrapped around the stopper

Light Blue Top (Citrate Plasma)		Gold Top (Serum)		Dark Green Top (no gel separator, plain label) (Lithium Heparin Plasma)	
Blue Blue37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.7 mL tube</li> <li>2.7 mL tube placed in a 37° thermos for transport</li> </ul>	Gold GldTall GldFoil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.5 mL tube</li> <li>5 mL tube</li> <li>5 mL tube wrapped in foil for transport</li> </ul>	DKGreen (DKGTall) DKGrIce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 mL tube</li> </ul>
BluTape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.7 mL tube with tape wrapped around the stopper</li> </ul>	GoldIce Gold37 GldTape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 mL tube placed in ice for transport</li> <li>5 mL tube placed in a 37° thermos for transport</li> <li>3.5 mL tube with tape wrapped around the stopper</li> </ul>	DKGr37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 mL tube place in ice for transport</li> <li>6 mL tube place in a 37° thermos for transport</li> </ul>
Navy Top with Red Stripe on Label (Trace Elements Serum)		Navy Top with Lavender Stripe on Label (K <sub>2</sub> EDTA Plasma)		Yellow Top ACD A or B (Plasma)	
NvyClot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 mL tube</li> </ul>	NvyEDTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 mL tube</li> </ul>	YelACD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 mL or 8.5 mL tube</li> </ul>
Grey Top (Sodium (Na) Fluoride Plasma)		Dark Green Top (no gel separator, cross-hatched label) (Sodium (Na) Heparin Plasma)		Blood Culture bottles	
Grey GreyIce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 mL tube</li> <li>4 mL tube placed in ice for transport</li> </ul>	DKGNaH DGNalce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 mL tube</li> <li>6 mL tube placed in ice for transport</li> </ul>	CultAER CultANA CultAFB  CultPED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green cap bottle</li> <li>Orange cap bottle</li> <li>Red and white cap bottle with long, narrow neck</li> <li>Yellow cap bottle</li> </ul>
Blood Gas containers		Other blood collection tubes		CSF containers	
Syringe  GasRod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 mL heparinized syringe with black plastic cap</li> <li>Glass capillary tube with magnetic flea inserted for mixing</li> </ul>	BLKSED  BldSPOT  TBQSkIt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 mL black top long narrow tube</li> <li>Blood spot card with four circles to fill with blood</li> <li>Four tube kit with grey, green, yellow, and purple tops, 1 mL in each tube</li> </ul>	CSF1CHM   CSF2MIC  CSF3HEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 mL tube with transparent white screw top, 1 embossed at top</li> <li>7 mL tube with transparent white screw top, 2 embossed at top</li> <li>7 mL tube with transparent white</li> </ul>

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		NIPTkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tube with white top included in NIPT kit</li> <li>Yellow top Wampole ISOLATOR 10 tube (request from Microbiology department)</li> </ul>	CSF4VIR	screw top, 3 embossed at top <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 mL tube with transparent white screw top, 4 embossed at top</li> </ul>
		CYI (isolator)			
		RESRCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various tubes, uncommonly used in clinical</li> </ul>		
Urine containers		Fluid containers		Stool	
UR24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 L orange horizontal container</li> <li>2 L orange horizontal container, with acid inside</li> <li>80 mL transparent container with orange screw-top lid</li> </ul>	Fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80 mL transparent container with orange screw-top lid</li> </ul>	Fecal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80 mL transparent container with orange screw-top lid</li> <li>Transparent container with white screw-top lid, containing SAF fixative</li> </ul>
UR24Acid		SterCon		SAF	
Urine		MiscStr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If ordering glucose on a synovial fluid collect in a 4.0 mL Grey Top (Sodium (Na) Fluoride Plasma) tube</li> <li>If ordering Cell Count on a synovial fluid collect in a 3.0 mL Lavender Top (EDTA Plasma) tube</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If ordering FIT testing collect in a flat container with light green, paddled lid, included in FIT Kit</li> </ul>
SterCon					
MiscStr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If ordering Routine Microscopic Urine, collect in a 10 mL narrow transparent tube with a blue snap-on lid</li> <li>If ordering urine NAAT collect in a 30 mL transparent container with a white screw-top lid</li> </ul>				

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