



# Clinical Practice Change Alert

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## **SODIUM CITRATE TUBES FOR COAGULATION TESTING – 1.8 ML PLASTIC TUBES**

**Effective: May 8, 2017**

Please be advised the Hematology discipline will be switching to using **only the 1.8 mL plastic sodium citrate tube for coagulation testing** in all sites. These tubes will improve care by decreasing the amount of blood being drawn for basic coagulation tests, and will facilitate workflow on the new coagulation TOP analyzers. Please refer to LIM for complete information.

There are a few items to note regarding these tubes:

- Minimum fill indicator line
- Do not pop tube top to fill with blood
- A discard tube is required when bloodwork is drawn using a collection set eg. butterfly collection set
- The ordering information will be Ref. #363080 or SAP #204379

Thank you for your cooperation during this transition period.

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