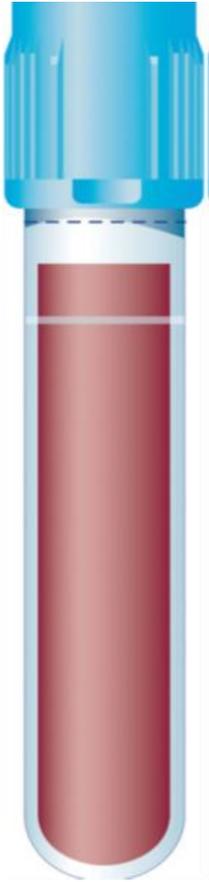


# Adult citrate (light blue) tubes



Used to assess blood clotting, including D-Dimer and monitoring anticoagulant therapy (e.g. warfarin).

Usually the first tube drawn, preferably using a straight needle. Fill until the vacuum is exhausted. The tube should fill above the frosted line. If this fails, repeat with a fresh tube.

If using a butterfly, always discard the first tube.

Insufficiently or over filled samples cannot be tested as results are inaccurate.

The citrate prevents calcium-dependent clotting. In the laboratory, calcium is added and the time taken for a clot to form is measured.

The laboratory rejects 250 underfilled samples per month

CHECK YOUR TUBE