How to Prepare a Quality Sample

Using BD Vacutainer® PST™ Tubes

Invert 8-10 Times

Spin 10 Minutes

Ready for Analysis

Gently invert 8-10 times immediately after collection to mix lithium heparin anticoagulant with blood.

Insufficient mixing may lead to microclot and fibrin strand formation.

Centrifuge at full speed

1100 – 1300g for 13 mm Plus Plastic tubes
1000 – 1300g for 16 mm Plus Plastic tubes for 10 minutes in a swing-bucket unit or 15 minutes for a fixed-angle unit (balance tubes in centrifuge).

Gel barrier will form to separate plasma from red blood cells.

Use in laboratory for plasma determinations in chemistry.
BD Vacutainer® PST™ Tubes contain spray-coated lithium heparin and a gel for plasma separation. They are used for plasma determinations in chemistry.

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▲ BD CLINICAL ADVANTAGE:
BD Vacutainer® PST™ Tubes eliminate the need to wait for a clot to form, making it an ideal tube for STAT testing, as well as for patients receiving anticoagulant therapy. The BD Vacutainer® PST™ Tube still provides the convenience of gel separation with the added advantage of improved turnaround time.

To learn more about the full product offering of BD Vacutainer® Specimen Collection Products or the educational materials and services offered by BD Diagnostics - Preanalytical Systems, please contact your local BD Sales Consultant.

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