

IMPORTANT CHANGE

in blood collection tube types needed for chemistry tests effective January 20, 2015:

Effective January 20, 2015 **most chemistry blood samples MUST** be collected in a **GOLD top** tube instead of a green top tube due to a change in laboratory test equipment. Supply Chain will implement the conversion about January 8th, after the Lawson go live.



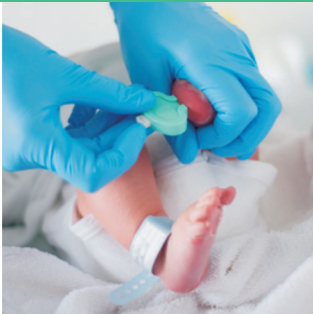
A few tests **MUST continue** to be collected in a **GREEN top** (lithium heparin) tube: **Ammonia, ionized calcium, homocysteine, PTH (parathyroid hormone), and organic acids.**



GREEN tops submitted for tests other than those listed above will have to be **recollected**.

Note: A new **ORANGE top** “rapid clot” venipuncture tube will be available for specific locations having critical TAT needs (e.g., *Emergency Center*). It can be tested the same as a gold top tube but **clots much faster**.

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When a **heelstick** or **fingerstick** is necessary or if microtainers must be collected from a difficult-to-stick patient the Laboratory will now require **RED top** microtainers.



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