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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING BLOOD SPECIMENS FOR
QUANTIFERON TESTING FOR LATENT TUBERCULOSIS
INFECTION AND TUBERCULOSIS DISEASE

1. Collect 1 ml of blood by venipuncture directly into each of the 3 QuantiFERON In-Tube Blood Collection tubes (Grey, Red and Purple top).
 - a. 1 ml tubes draw relatively slowly, keep the tube on the needle 2-3 seconds once the tube appears to be completely filled (**black mark on side of tube indicates 1 ml fill volume**).
 - b. If “butterfly needle” is being used to collect blood, a “purge” tube should be used.
2. Shake tubes 10 times, just enough to coat the inner surface with blood.
3. Label tubes with patients name, date and time of collection. Fill in laboratory requisition.
4. Transport specimens to laboratory at ambient temperature 22+/-5°C within 16 hours of collection. Do not transport on ice.
 - a. Sites with an incubator may incubate the tubes at 37+/-1°C, upright for 16-24 hours. Following incubation tubes may be held at 2-27°C for up to 3 days. Transport specimens to the lab within these 3 days. **Please mark on laboratory requisition if tubes have been incubated.**
5. Submit specimen to the Public Health Laboratory (at the above address), Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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3. Vacutainers (Grey, Red and Purple top)

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