

## NOTIFICATION – ACTION REQUIRED

Notification Date: 11/25/24

Effective Date: 1/1/25

### SUBJECT: Centrifuging of Gel Tubes at the Collection Site

Explanation: On the effective date, all gel tubes collected at VUMC outpatient/ambulatory locations must be centrifuged on-site before transport to the laboratory. The gel separation layer provides increased stability for the plasma/serum analyzed in the laboratory, giving quality lab results.

#### This includes the following:

##### Gold Top Serum SST Tubes



##### Light Green Plasma PST Tubes



##### Clear/Lavender Plasma Prep Tubes



Note: **Samples received unspun or partially spun are subject to rejection based on whole blood stability time limits, which can be as short as 1 hour.**

#### Questions:

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