

## Memorandum

# Blood Tube Changes

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**To:** All Laboratory Users  
**From:** Jane Kendall, Collection Services Manager, Medlab Central  
**Date:** 4 August 2010  
**Re:** **Blood Tube Change**

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Please be advised that the Medlab Central Group is making some changes to tube requirements for blood collections, effective from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010**.

Please refer to the updated Medlab Central Handbook available online via the URL: <http://mlceclair/handbook>

The online copy will always be the most up to date document. Please note that previous copies of the handbook may contain information no longer applicable for some assays.

Changes effect blood collection for Biochemistry and some Serological tests. Previously a Green top tube (PST) was required and this will be changed to the preferred Gold top tube (SST).

Supplies of the gold top tubes in adult 8 mL and 5 mL size and paediatric 3.5 mL size will be made available.

Generally one FULL tube of blood will be sufficient for routine Biochemistry and Serology testing. Note: however, tests that are referred to other laboratories for testing will require a separate tube – refer to the Medlab Central Laboratory Handbook for details.

**To clarify: Any send away (referred) tests will require a separate tube**

Green top tubes will still be required for some tests that previously were green top only (excluding electrolytes) and these are again are noted within the Medlab Central Laboratory Handbook.

A tube collection guide for commonly collected tests is attached.

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