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Capillary Collection

Skin Puncture (capillary collection) differs from venepuncture. Skin puncture blood contains tissue thromboplastin and will begin to immediately clot.

It is important to collect samples quickly to minimise the effects of platelet clumping and microclot formation.

Refer to PUB-0797 for appropriate Paediatric Maximum blood draw volumes.

Tube/Volume	Contents	Test
LAVENDER  0.5mL 1mL PINK  6mL	EDTA	CBP, Retics, HB studies, HBA1C, ESR, Lead Pre-Transfusion Testing (BGS - Blood Group & Antibody Screen; Crossmatch) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for Babies under the age of 4 months only - minimum of 1.0mL required <i>(Please call the transfusion lab as maternal sample may be required)</i> Pre-Transfusion Testing only (BGS - Blood Group & Antibody Screen; Crossmatch) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for Children over 4 months of age - minimum 2mL
BLUE  1mL	Sodium Citrate	Coagulation Studies (venous blood preferred) INR, PT, APTT, Fibrinogen, D-Dimer
LIGHT GREEN  0.8mL	Lithium Heparin +GEL	Chemistry –EUC, LFT, LDH, Urate, AST, Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphate, CRP, CK, TFT, Lipase, Lipid profile Iron studies, Total Bilirubin and Direct only Zinc, Copper, Selenium
GREEN  0.5mL	Lithium Heparin	Lymphocyte Surface Markers, Cytogenetics, Perhexiline, T Cell subsets, HLA-B27
GREY  0.25mL	Fluoride	Glucose, Lactate
GOLD  0.8mL	Serum	B12/Folate, Cortisol, Growth Hormone, IGF-1, Vitamin D, Bile acid, EPG