

Transfusion Services Collection Tube Change – August 2026

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Introduction

(Why is this important?)

- Transfusion Services currently requires that certain tests have two lavender top tubes collected. The second tube is rarely utilized, is an additional cost, and takes up storage space

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Situation

(What is the current situation?)

- Transfusion Services is transitioning from **two lavender top** tubes to **one pink top** tube for testing.



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Background

(What is important to know about the background?)

- Currently, two lavender top tubes are required for certain Transfusion Services tests.
- This change aligns with efforts to:
 - Reduce the number of tubes ordered and stored
 - Improve efficiency in specimen collection
 - Provide differentiation between tubes for the Critical Care Lab and Transfusion Services

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Assessment

*(What is the evaluation?)
(Could include costs, risks, etc.)*

- Using **one pink top** tube will:
 - Meet testing requirements
 - Simplify collection workflows
 - Improve storage



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Recommendation

(What actions need to take place?)

- **Starting August 18, 2026**, collect **one pink top tube** for transfusion services tests
- Discontinue collection of two lavender top tubes for these tests.
- Continue to follow proper labeling standards
- Ensure staff education and supply readiness prior to go-live.

