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## *Clinical Laboratory Update*

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### **NEW 7 ML PINK TOP PLASTIC TUBE FOR BLOOD GROUP TESTING**

Effective immediately, a new 7 mL plastic blood collection tube is required for Blood Bank specimens. The new tube has a PINK top and contains a slightly different formula of EDTA than does the traditional lavender top tube. This new tube must be used for submitting specimens for blood group testing. At this time, only the 7 mL pink top tube is appropriate for blood group test orders, as this much whole blood is typically required to complete the requested testing.

The introduction of these new pink top tubes does not change the current blood bank labeling requirements.

For additional information on this new test requirement or to request supplies, please contact our Customer Service Department at 718-232-1515, ext 9.

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