

Memorandum #48

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Re: Sample Requirements

Starting January 5, 2004 the sample requirements for Tissue Typing, HLA-ABC and HLA-DR, testing will change from a green top heparin tube to a yellow top ACD solution A (ACD-A) tube. The new ACD-A tubes are 8.5 ml tubes.

The ACD-A tissue typing specimens will allow the Histocompatibility Laboratory (HLA Lab) to perform testing by serologic or molecular methodology. With this switch to ACD-A the volume of blood required for testing will decrease to 2 yellow top ACD-A tubes (17mls of blood). The green top tubes will continue to be available for other laboratory tests. If you have any questions or concerns about the new sample requirements, please call the HLA Lab at 966-4057.