

# Collection Tube Shortage

- There is currently a **NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF ALL BLOOD COLLECTION TUBES**
- Conserve collection tubes so that supplies are not exhausted and testing does not have to be limited



## Guidelines to help conserve collection tubes

- Order only testing that is medically required.
- Avoid repeated testing of stable, asymptomatic patients.
- Reduce “routine” laboratory testing and instead perform testing targeted toward suspected disease.
- Consider ordering needed testing as an “add-on” to previously collected samples when available.
- Utilize the clear “waste” tube or plain syringe for the initial blood drawn from indwelling lines rather than any other collection tube.

