

Clinical Chemistry tests routinely use the SST tubes (gel barriers).

There are exceptions to this, and some of these are listed below:

- Testing for therapeutic drugs require Plain red.



- Ammonia tests require Green Heparin tubes sent immediately on ice.



- Blood Gas specimens are to be collected using the blood gas kit; no needles are to be attached to the syringe.



- Tests for urine toxicology and blood alcohol are to be sent to Chemistry. The messenger from the laboratory during the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or the hospital Messenger during the other hours.

- Lactic Acid Grey top tube on ice.



- Lead is a Tan top (Lead free) tube.



- BNP is a Lavender top Tube.



- Chemistry services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, extensions: 2977, 2922, 2921. Specimens are to be delivered to:

Central Accessioning, Room A2-421.