

# Effective December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

## Think **PINK** when you think of the Blood Bank

The Department of Pathology is pleased to announce the Blood Bank is changing their tube colors from red and purple to pink for all routine Blood Bank testing.

**DO NOT USE**



**USE**



1 mL “lavender” top

6 mL “pink” top

Now draw,

- two 6 mL pink top tubes for pre-admission testing (PAT) specimens.
- one 6 mL pink top tube for routine Blood Bank testing for adults.
- two 1 mL pediatric lavender top pediatric tubes for children < 2 years old.
- one 6 mL pink top tube for cord blood samples.

Remember that all Blood Bank specimens must still be:

- labeled with the [Cerner bar-coded labels](#).
- initialed and dated by the person collecting the patient’s specimen at the bedside.
- sent with the REQUEST FOR BLOOD COMPONENTS form (a.k.a. the orange requisition form) with the proper patient information, signed and stamped by the ordering physician and signed by the person collecting the patient’s specimen.

To help the transition go smoothly, HELP will be available at ext. 4630 from December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to answer questions.