

## PROCEDURE FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

1. Thoroughly wash patient's hands with soap and water. Dry with a clean paper towel.
2. Swab the finger with 2% nitric acid using a cotton tipped applicator and dry with a clean gauze pad (optional).
3. Swab the finger with alcohol and air dry.
4. Puncture the finger with a sterile, disposable lancet. Blot away the first drop of blood. Collect enough to fill the capillector.
5. Label the blood specimen and mail within 3 -5 days.

## PROCEDURE FOR USING CAPILLECTORS

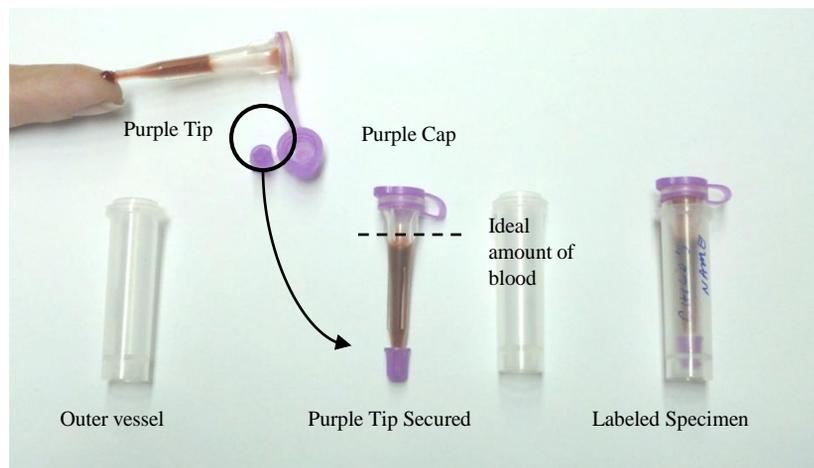
1. Tear off the tiny purple tip before taking a patient.
2. Remove the capillary container from the outer vessel.
3. Touch the narrow tip of the capillary tube to the blood holding the tube in a horizontal position so the blood fills the tube by capillary action. Fill the capillary tube as much as possible!
4. Place the end of the filled capillary tube into the small purple tip. Then snap the purple cap on top securely. If the purple cap is not on firmly the blood will dry up.

### **IMPORTANT:**

5. Shake well for one minute to prevent clotting of blood. SHAKE VIGOROUSLY.
6. Insert capillary tube into outer vessel. Label outer vessel.
7. Mail within 3 -5 days.



## Directions for use of Capillectors



The capillary vessel is filled with a maximum of 300uL and must be well mixed  
Contains EDTA K Preservative.

## PROCEDURE FOR SENDING SPECIMENS TO LABORATORY

1. Wrap a filled, labeled capillector in the absorbent material provided.
2. Put the wrapped capillectors inside the screw cap.
3. Tape across the top of the cap and down the sides of the tube.
4. Place the capped plastic tube inside the biohazard specimen transport bag.
5. Press across the top of the bag to ensure a leak proof seal.
6. Insert completed ID forms into pouch of the specimen transport bag.
7. Place sealed specimen transport bag into bubble-lined envelope.
8. Seal the envelope by removing adhesive cover strip and reinforcing envelope seal with staples or tape.
9. Fill in the return address on the Business Reply Mail Label.