

## Specimen Collection Container Guide\*\*

\*\*For complete collection information go to [bronsonlab.testcatalog.org](http://bronsonlab.testcatalog.org) or call Bronson Laboratory Services at 341-6440



### SST/Serum Separator Tube:

Used for serum determination in clinical chemistry, i.e. Basic/Comprehensive Metabolic panels, Cholesterol, Triglyceride, Hepatitis tests, etc.



### PST/Plasma Separator Tube:

Used for plasma determinations in chemistry (see SST for examples). Contains spray-coated lithium heparin and a gel for plasma separation.



### Red Top Tube:

Used for serum determinations in clinical chemistry and serology when gel separator not acceptable, i.e. Free Dilantin, Free Testosterone.



### Green Top Tube:

Used for plasma determination in clinical chemistry. Contains Lithium Heparin.



### Blue Top Tube:

Used for coagulation studies, i.e. Prothrombin Time, APTT, Factor Studies, etc. Contains Sodium Citrate.



### Lavender Top Tube:

Used for whole blood hematology determination, i.e. CBC, Sed Rate, [etc.](#) Contains EDTA.



### eSwab (Aerobic, Anaerobic, & Fungal culture):

Used for cultures on eye, ear, nose, throat, wounds- note collection site, genital, etc.



### Nasopharyngeal Swab in charcoal media:

Used to collect nasopharyngeal specimen for Pertussis.



### Unisex Gen Probe Collection Kits:

Used to collect cervical or male urethral specimen for Gonorrhoeae and/or Chlamydia and/or [Trichomonas](#) and/or [Mycoplasma genitalium PCR](#)



### Universal Transport Media UTM (also called Viral Transport Media VTM) with Flocked Swab:

Used to transport collection swab for viral testing, including Respiratory Panel, SARS CoV-2 Influenza/RSV and HSV 1&2/VZV.



### Blood Culture Bottle:

Pink cap (Pediatric) 1ml-4ml  
Silver cap (Adult Aerobic) 8-10ml  
Purple cap (Adult Anaerobic) 8-10ml



### Cary Blair Collection Vial:

Used to collect stool for GIPR, stool cultures.



### Ova & Parasite Collection Vial:

Used to collect stool for Giardia/Cryptosporidium and Ova & Parasite.



### Fecal Occult Blood Collection Kit:

Used for home collection of stool for occult blood testing



### Sterile Specimen Container:

Used to collect urine, sputum, stool etc.



### Urinalysis preservative tube and C&S Transfer Straw Kit w/C&S preservative tube:

Used to preserve urine for urinalysis (cherry/yellow top) & urine culture (gray top)



### 10% Neutral Buffered Formalin:

Used to preserve tissue specimens for transport and histological testing. Available in 20, 60, & 120ml.



### Thin Prep PAP Vial:

Used for collection of cervical/vaginal specimens for PAP & HPV testing