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**Re:** UpdatedBlood Bank Container Description in Epic

**Background:** The majority of Blood Bank specimens are required to be collected in EDTA tubes. These tubes can be either Lavender top or Pink top tubes. To allow system members to choose what color to supply and to allow for substitution should there be a shortage of Lavender or Pink, the container description in Epic needed to be modified.

**Update:** Effective October 1, 2025, the specimen container in Epic for all Blood Bank samples previously described as Lavender (Lav) will now be described as Blood Bank-EDTA (BB-EDTA). There is no change to the containers being used, the required volumes, or the transport temperature.

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| **Previous Container Description** | **New Container Description** | **Container Information** |
| Lav6-A | BB-EDTA6A | Lavender 6mL, Ambient |
| Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A | Lavender 4mL, Ambient |
| LavM-A or LavM1mL-A | BB-EDTAMA | Lavender Microtainer MAP, Ambient |

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| **eD-H Order Name** | **eD-H Order Code** | **Previous Container**  **Description** | **New Container Description** |
| Type and Screen (DHMC/CGP/Keene) | LAB276 | Lav6-A | BB-EDTA6A |
| Type and Screen, SDP (future Surgery, DHMC Same Day Program Only) | LAB3172 | Lav6-A | BB-EDTA6A |
| Type and Screen Nenonate (Age 0-4 Months) | LAB3171 | LavM-A | BB-EDTAMA |
| Type and Screen Neonate 4M-6M | LAB4391 | LavM1mL-A | BB-EDTAMA |
| Direct Antiglobulin Test | LAB274 | Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A |
| Antibody Titer | LAB275 | Lav6-A | BB-EDTA6A |
| Cord Blood Evaluation (Type and DAT) | LAB892 | Lav6-A | BB-EDTA6A |
| Cord Replacement | LAB3581 | LavM-A | BB-EDTAMA |
| Fetal Cell Screen | LAB3001 | Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A |
| Fetal Cell Enumeration Order Set | LAB2682 | Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A |
| Suspected Transfusion Reaction Evaluation | LAB647 | Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A |
| ABORh Type Manual | LAB3576 | Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A |
| Renal ABO Group | LAB3917 | Lav4-A | BB-EDTA4A |
| Renal TPE Titer | LAB3916 | Lav6-A | BB-EDTA6A |
| Renal Titer Screen | LAB3924 | Lav4-A or Lav6-A | BB-EDTA4A or  BB-EDTA6A |