

# Coagulation Testing Tube Shortage

5/25/2021 Becton-Dickinson notified Upstate that there is a shortage of the blue citrate vacutainer tubes which are used for collection of coagulation testing.

## Which testing is affected?

- All coagulation testing performed at Upstate laboratories

## How long will the shortage last?

- We have not received a timeline for when BD expects to return to normal levels of tube availability

## Are we out of these tubes?

- At this point, Upstate has a supply of these tubes for required testing

## What changes are needed?

- To ensure that coagulation testing is available for patients who require it, coagulation testing should **only** be ordered when **required**
- Tubes should be drawn only on signed orders, not pre-emptively

