IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING 2.7 mL SODIUM (Na) CITRATE TUBE FILL

Becton Dickinson, our blood collection tube manufacturer, has issued an Urgent Medical Device Product Correction regarding an issue with fill volume when collecting blood using their 2.7 mL, Light Blue-top, Sodium (Na) Citrate tube. The tube may overfill during collection which will cause an incorrect blood-to-additive ratio and affect test results.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN DURING BLOOD DRAW:

After drawing and inverting to mix this tube, hold it upright and check the fill volume. The meniscus (top surface of the blood) should be between the minimum fill line and just below the cap of the tube (see diagram). If you cannot see the meniscus (the blood level is up under the cap), discard this tube and draw another tube, watching carefully to fill it to the acceptable fill volume.

Questions:

For questions, please contact Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories, Client Services Department at 414.805.7600.