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Dear Healthcare Provider,  
The information contained here may be very important to your practice. Please take a moment to review this document.

**BLOOD LEAD COLLECTION UPDATE**

Effective November 12, 2018, PCL Alverno will no longer accept specimens for metals testing sent in non-certified metals-free tubes, which are the lavender Vacutainer® tubes. The change in specimen collection will reduce the risk of false-positive results and potential metals contamination. After November 12, specimens received in non-certified metals-free tubes will be cancelled and will require a patient redraw in the correct tube.

**PCL Alverno will no longer accept BD Lavender Vacutainer tubes for Lead Blood testing.**

Acceptable Tubes for Lead Analysis		
Item No.	Description	Specimen Collection
9614	6 ml Navy Blue Trace Element EDTA*	Venipuncture
309445	Tan Hemogard™ K <sub>2</sub> EDTA	Venipuncture
111383	Microtainer® Lavender for Automated Process*	Fingerstick Only Do not pour off from venipuncture draw.

\*Tubes must be at least ½ full for accurate analysis

Unacceptable Tubes	
Item No.	Description
170843	3 ml Lavender Hemogard (Short Draw)
343504	6 ml Navy Blue No Additive
9603	4 ml Lavender Hemogard

**SAFETY-FOCUSED CHANGE TO BUTTERFLY NEEDLES**

In effort to standardize collection devices and reduce accidental needle sticks, Alverno is converting to the 23-Gauge BD Vacutainer Push Button Blood Collection Set. As of November 1, the BD Vacutainer Safety-Lok™ collection set will no longer be orderable through Alverno supplies. This is a safety initiative for staff members who collect blood.

The ordering information for the new device is:

- BD Vacutainer Push Button Blood Collection Set – 23 Gauge Item Number 19211
- BD Vacutainer Holder Item Number 42825

**The following steps describe how to utilize the BD Vacutainer Push Button Blood Collection Set:**

1. Thread the luer adapter into holder.
2. Remove needle sheath.
3. (a.) Insert needle in vein by holding wings. (b.) Observe for the presence of blood in the chamber.
4. Collect the blood specimens.
5. To retract the needle: Depress the button. The needle will slide out of the venipuncture site and lock into place.
6. Do not impede device retraction. Cover the puncture site with a gauze pad and apply pressure. Dispose of all used materials in appropriate container.

Please feel free to reach out to your Account Executive with any questions.

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