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## **Blood Collection Using Serum Separator Tubes**

To Health Care Providers

Whenever possible, prepare the sample, as noted below, prior to shipping.

### **Sample Preparation**

Invert 5 Times

- Gently invert the tube 5 times to mix the clot activator with the blood.

Clot 30 Minutes

- Allow the blood to clot for 30 minutes in a vertical position.

Spin 10 to 15 minutes

- Centrifuge at FULL SPEED (between 1100 and 1300g) for 10 minutes for swing head centrifuge units or 15 minutes for fixed angle units.
- Barrier will form, separating serum from the clot.
- Transport spun tube to the laboratory.

### **For further information:**

- OPHL HELPLINE at **1-800-640-7221**