

# Instructions for Use

## VACUETTE® Blood Transfer Unit

### Blood transfer from a syringe into an evacuated blood collection tube

According to the recent CLSI (Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute) H3-A6, the use of a syringe transfer device is recommended when transferring blood from a syringe to a blood collection tube.

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### General Instructions



- Draw the blood into the syringe using your institution's procedure.
- Disconnect the needle from the syringe, and dispose of needle immediately in disposal container.
- Select **VACUETTE®** blood collection tube or tubes appropriate for required specimen.
- Firmly attach a **VACUETTE®** Blood Transfer Unit to the syringe.



- Insert a **VACUETTE®** blood collection tube into the **VACUETTE®** Blood Transfer Unit, fully penetrating the tube stopper.
- Allow the blood to transfer from the syringe to the tube. To ensure the proper blood to additive ratio in the tube, use the fill line on the label as a visual control.

NOTE: Do not press the plunger of the syringe! The vacuum in the tube will draw the blood from the syringe into the tube.



When the first tube is full and blood flow ceases, gently remove it from the **VACUETTE®** Blood Transfer Unit.

Place succeeding tubes in holder, following the recommended order of draw. Gently invert the tubes 5-10 times (exceptions: coagulation tubes - invert 4 times; EDTA tubes - invert 8-10 times) immediately after blood transfer to reach a proper mix of additive and blood. Turn the filled tube upside-down and return it to upright position.

This is one complete inversion. Dispose of the syringe and the **VACUETTE®** Blood Transfer Unit as one piece according to your institution's policies.

### References:

H3-A6 „Procedures for the Collection of Diagnostic Blood Specimens by Venipuncture; Approved Standard-6th Edition“  
M29-A3 „Protection of Laboratory Workers from Occupationally acquired Infections; Approved Guideline-3rd Edition“



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