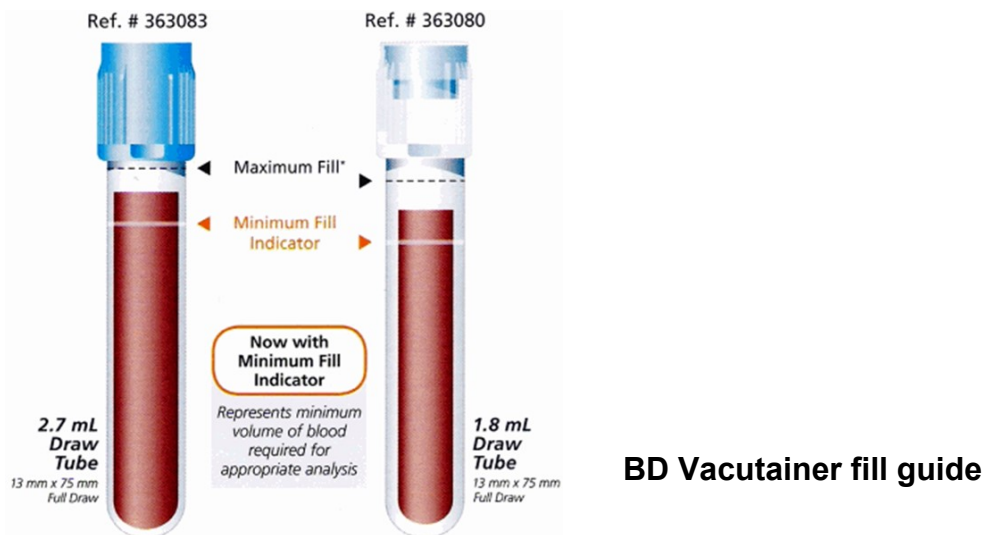


## Temporary Replacement of 2.0mL Blue Top Tubes for 3.5 mL

The blue top sodium citrate tubes we use for coagulation testing are on backorder across the US. Traditionally we have used two sizes of blue top tubes in our organization, a 2 mL tube and a 3.5 mL tube. Our supply of 2mL tubes is quite low, therefore a decision has been made to **prioritize their use for pediatric patients**. All other users are being asked to order the 3.5 mL size. (3.2% SODIUM CITRATE 3.5ML LIGHT BLU). Lab supply staff will substitute the larger sized tubes for all non-pediatric or family medicine locations ordering the 2.0mL tubes.

UVMHC Materials Management staff have been working very hard to locate alternatives and we will shortly have 2.7 mL BD tubes on order as a back up to our current 2.0 mL. Please be aware of the following change to the look of the tubes and the that the “fill to” marking on the side of the tube is different than our current tubes.



The minimum fill marking on the BD tube is clear/etched, not a black triangle.

On the 2.7mL size the maximum is indicated at the bottom of the cap.

As with our current tubes these will automatically fill appropriately due to the vacuum as long as the tube is not opened.

Thank you for your assistance.

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