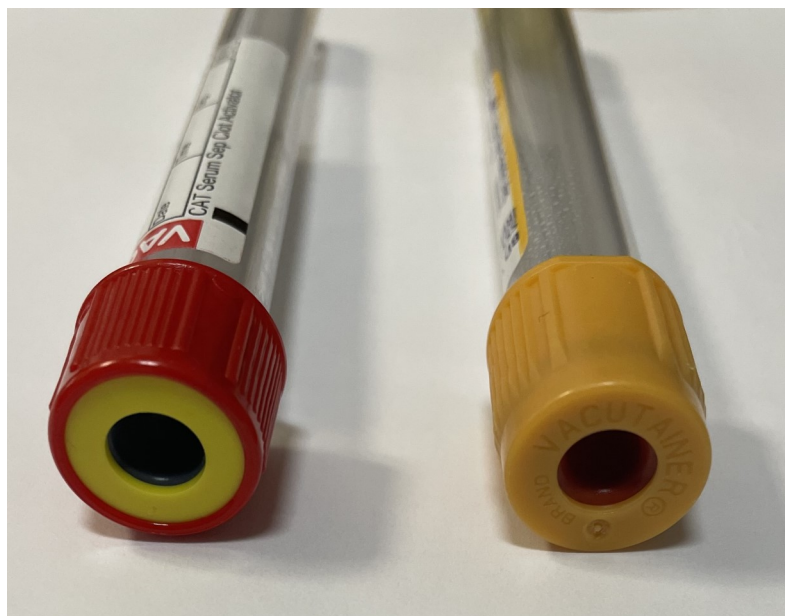


## Red Top Serum Separator Tube (SST) Substitute

There is currently a national shortage of serum separator tubes (SST). UVMMC is working to acquire as many Greiner SST tubes (red cap, yellow ring) as possible. Clients may receive 5.0 ml or 4.0 ml versions of this tube, depending on our supply.

To ensure we have sufficient supply to meet our clients' needs, UVMMC will also have a Becton-Dickinson (BD) alternative SST that looks different than our current Greiner tubes. The BD SST has a gold top and UVMMC may distribute 5.0 ml or 4.0 ml versions of this tube, depending on our supply. The images below show both the current Greiner SST and the substitute BD SST. There is no set date on which gold top BD tubes will go into circulation. This bulletin is merely to provide advance notice of this potential supply change.



If you have any questions about these changes, please contact UVMMC Lab Outreach at [laboutreach@uvmhealth.org](mailto:laboutreach@uvmhealth.org).

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