

Red-top (no gel) tubes (Paediatric Lithium Heparin Orange-top tubes may be used).**

ALU	Aluminium
CALT	Calcitonin (can use SST)
DOWN1/2	Down's screen
IN, CPEP**	Insulin, C-peptide (can use <i>non-gel</i> heparin)
MMA**	Methyl Malonic Acid
S100	S-100 protein
ZINC	Zinc



Pink-top (EDTA) tubes

ACTH	ACTH, adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AMM	Ammonia (send on ice)
CYCL	Ciclosporin
GHB	HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin
HOMO	Homocysteine
PB	Lead
PTH	Parathyroid Hormone (PTH)
FK506	Tacrolimus, FK506
TPMT	Thiopurine methyl transferase
TRYP	Tryptase
SIROL	Sirolimus, Rapamune
SPOR	Blood porphyrins (keep in dark e.g. envelope)



Purple top (7ml EDTA) tubes

ALD	Renin/Aldosterone
CGA	Chromogranin A/B
GIT	Gastrin (gut hormones)



Dark Blue-top (trace metal) tubes

CRCO	Chromium/Colbalt (take 2nd after another sample)
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Samples must be taken to laboratory and processed immediately