

**Lab Alert**

**Extra Tube for T&S Collection**

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| Effective Date: | Wednesday, March 16 |
| Test Affected: | Type & Screen |
| New Process: | We will collect 2 pink tubes for every T&S ordered.The computer will generate two labels for each T&S ordered at FWMC.* 1 TS label (this label will be used with the BB/TS armbanding system for the T&S sample collection)
* 1 BBWO label (this label will be used to collect an extra pink tube—DO NOT use the BB/TS armbanding system with the second tube)

ALL the pink BBWO tubes will be sent to WOMC for storage and resulting. The tubes will be tracked to WOMC per procedure. These tubes will be used for BB workup as required. |
| Label Example: |  |
| Why is this Important? | The providers have complained that it is taking too long to get blood products when the patient has a positive antibody screen. Investigation revealed that the delays are caused when a second sample needs to be drawn and sent to WOMC via courier. We will automatically collect two tubes at the time the T&S is collected and send one to WOMC. This will help to eliminate any delays due to sample recollection. |