

ALLINA HEALTH LABORATORY

Memo

To: Allina Health Laboratory outreach clients

From: Allina Health Laboratory outreach services

Date: May 24, 2021

Re: Critical Sodium citrate tube shortages

Becton Dickinson (BD) has discontinued production of the 4.5mL Light blue Sodium citrate (Na cit) tubes. We have exhausted our stock, and the item has been removed from our Supply Catalog.

At the same time, there is a rolling backorder of the 2.7mL Light blue Sodium citrate (Na cit) tubes causing a critical nationwide shortage of these tubes.



In order for Allina Health Laboratory to best manage our limited supplies of these tubes we are asking the following of our clients:

- Review your inventory of the light blue sodium citrate tubes and return any excess
- Use your shortest outdate tubes first to ensure that we are using all available items prior to expiration
- If you are drawing a specimen using a butterfly or a central/PICC line and need to prime the tubing, do not use a sodium citrate tube for this purpose
 - 3mL No additive (Z) vial/tubes are available to order in our catalog to use for priming in these situations

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this message, contact your account representative for assistance.