


## Laboratory Technical Bulletin

**Date:** 2/19/2018  
**Effective Date:** 3/5/2018  
**Title:** SPECIMEN COLLECTION CHANGE  
**Test:** VENOUS BLOOD GAS

Old Collection	New Collection
Butterfly needle attached to a heparinized blood gas syringe	Straight needle provided in blood gas syringe collection kit

**EXPLANATION OF CHANGE:** Per testing instrument manufacturer guidelines, venous blood collected for blood gas testing must be drawn in a heparinized blood gas syringe anaerobically. Room air present in the butterfly needle cannula could alter test results.

 Date 2/22/18  
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 Date 2-23-18  
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