

Blood Gas, Arterial; Blood Gas, Venous – Container Nomenclature Change

Orderable: Blood Gas, Arterial (including POCT)

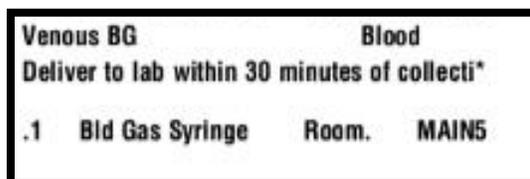
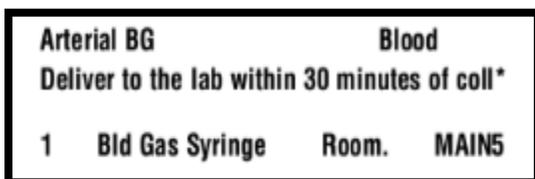
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Effective April 29th, 2024, “Bld Gas Syringe” will be printed on labels in place of “ABG Syringe” as the collection container.

Current EPIC Collection Screen with “ABG Syringe”	Updated EPIC Collection Screen after nomenclature change to “Bld Gas Syringe”
<p>Blood Specimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> ABG Syringe (Blood, Arterial) Deliver to the lab within 30 minutes of collection. <p>Blood Specimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> ABG Syringe (Blood, Venous) Deliver to lab within 30 minutes of collection. 	<p>Blood Specimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bld Gas Syringe (Blood, Arterial) Deliver to the lab within 30 minutes of collection. <p>Blood Specimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bld Gas Syringe (Blood, Venous) Deliver to lab within 30 minutes of collection.

“Arterial BG” and “Venous BG” will be printed on labels in place of “ABG” and “VBG” respectively.

Specimen Labels after nomenclature change to “Bld Gas Syringe”



Explanation:

“ABG Syringe” as a container name requires clarification as it may cause confusion when venous specimens for blood gas testing are ordered.

The Arterial Blood Gas Sampling Kit contains the necessary heparin anticoagulant and air-tight environment for accurate testing of blood gas parameters when processed within the



validated stability time. The name “ABG Syringe” is currently used as the container for all specimen types and printed on EPIC labels.

No changes to the collection process or container kit used will be made. **The only change is to clarify the nomenclature on the EPIC Collection Screen and printed on EPIC blood gas specimen labels.**

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