

Minimum Whole Blood Volumes for Microcollection Tubes for Neonates, Pediatrics, Patients less than 45 kg (100 lb) and Difficult Collections

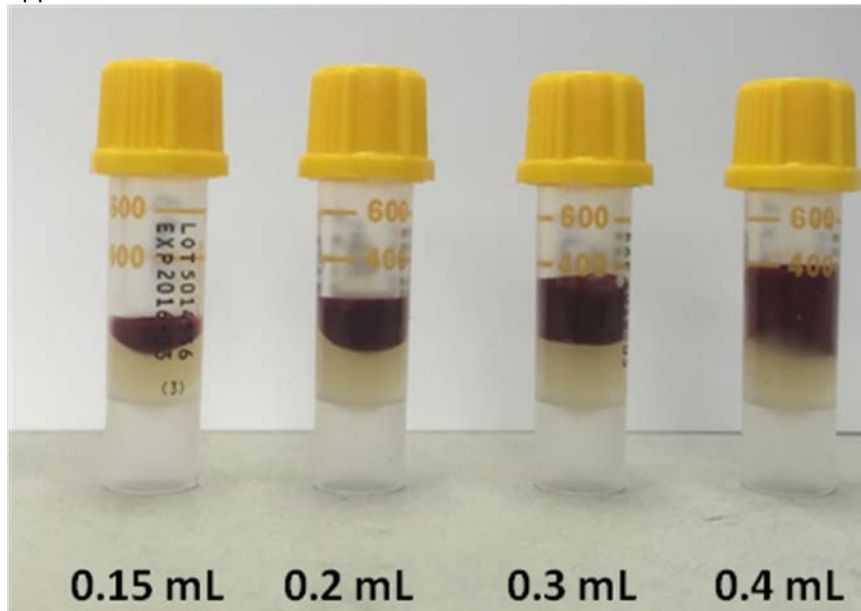
The following table outlines the minimum whole blood volume that must be drawn into a **microcollection tube** (unless otherwise stated) for an individual test on a neonate, pediatric, patient weighing less than 45 kg (100 lb) and patients who are difficult to collect.

COLLECTION TUBE CAUTION: Additional whole blood must be drawn if using standard blood collection tubes.

For tests that require serum or plasma, the volumes in the table below are based on a blood hematocrit of 0.60 L/L and are calculated for the instrumentation in the APL Calgary laboratories.

For neonatal chemistry tests, the minimum whole blood volume for neonates is 0.3 mL for 1-4 tests with an additional 0.1 mL of whole blood (2 drops) for each additional test.

Appearance of various volumes of whole blood in microcollection tubes:



Microcollection Tube Types			
Light green (mint) top Lithium Heparin PST tube	Gold top SST tube	Lavender top K ₂ EDTA tube	Grey top Sodium fluoride/Potassium oxalate tube

Standard Tube Types		To Protect Tubes from Light
Red top microcollection tube unavailable; use 4 mL red top tube	Dark green top microcollection tube unavailable; use 4 mL dark green top heparin tube	Use amber collection tube, or insert microcollection tubes into amber carrier tubes

Individual Test – for multiple test orders, see charts below	Whole Blood Volume (mL)	Tube Top Colour P = preferred tube		
Acetaminophen	0.2	P	or	
ACTH	0.6	on ice		
Acylcarnitine Profile	0.4		or	
Alanine Transaminase	0.2	P	or	

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Albumin	0.2	P	or	
Aldosterone	0.7			
Alkaline Phosphatase	0.2	P	or	
Allergy Testing, IGE	0.5 for one allergen For each 1-5 additional allergens ordered, add 0.2			
Alpha-1 Antitrypsin	0.3			
Alpha-1 Fetoprotein, Non-Pregnant	0.5			
Amikacin	0.2	P	or	
Amino Acid	1.0			
Amiodarone	1.6			
Ammonia	0.4	on ice, venous only		
Amylase	0.2	P	or	
Androstenedione	0.3			
Anti-CCP	0.5			
Anti-Endomysial Antibodies	0.7			
Anti-Nuclear Antibody	0.5			
Antithyroid Peroxidase Anti-TPO	0.3			
Apolipoprotein (A-1) and/or Apolipoprotein (B)	1.0			
ASOT	0.3			
Aspartate Transaminase	0.2	P	or	
Beta-2 Glycoprotein Antibody	0.4			
Beta-2 Microglobulin	0.9	P	or	
Beta-Carotene	0.4	protect from light		
Beta HCG, Quantitative	0.3	P	or	
Bile Acids	0.3	P	or	
Bilirubin, Direct	0.2	P	or	protect from light
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Bilirubin, Total	0.2	P	or	protect from light
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Bilirubin, Direct and Total	0.2	P	or	protect from light
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C-Peptide	0.5	P		
CA 19-9	0.4	P	or	
CA 125	0.4	P	or	
Calcium	0.2	P	or	
Carbamazepine	0.2	P	or	
Carcinoembryonic Antigen	0.5	P	or	
Cardiolipin Antibody	0.4			
Carnitine, Total and Free	0.4		or	
Catecholamines	6.0	CATP collection tube		
Celiac Disease Screen	0.7			

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Ceruloplasmin	0.3	P	or	
Chloride	0.2	P	or	
Cholesterol, Total	0.2	P	or	
CK	0.2	P	or	
CKMB	0.3	P	or	
Clozapine	0.5			
CO2 Content	0.2	P	or	
Complement C3/Complement C4	0.3	P	or	
Complete Blood Count/Reticulocyte Count	0.5			
Cortisol	0.3	P	or	
Creatinine	0.2	P	or	
CRP	0.3	P	or	
CRP, High Sensitivity	0.5	P	or	
Cyclosporin **	0.5			
DHEA-S	0.2	P	or	
Digoxin	0.2	P	or	
Direct Antiglobulin Test (Coombs)	0.3			
DNA Antibodies	0.4			
Doxepine	5.0			
Electrolytes	0.2	P	or	
Electrophoresis, Protein	0.3			
Estradiol	0.3	P	or	
Ethanol	0.2	P	or	
Ethylene Glycol	0.6	P	or	
Extractable Nuclear Antigen Antibodies (ENA)	0.4			
Ferritin	0.3	P	or	
Folate - Serum	0.5			
Follicle Stimulating Hormone	0.3	P	or	
Fructosamine	0.3	P	or	
Gamma Glutamyl-transferase	0.2	P	or	
Gastrin	0.4			
Gentamicin	0.2	P	or	
Glomerular Basement Membrane Antibody	0.4			
Glucose	0.2	P	or	
Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase	0.5			
Growth Hormone	0.4	P	or	
17-Hydroxyprogesterone	0.5			
Haptoglobin	0.3	P	or	
HDL Cholesterol	0.2	P	or	
Hemoglobin A1c	0.3			
Hepatitis Screen	0.8			
HIV Serology	1.5			
HIV by PCR	2.0	on ice, venous only		
Immunoglobulin E	0.3	P	or	
Immunoglobulin M	0.3	P	or	
Immunoglobulins (IgG, IgA, IgM)	0.6	P	or	

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Insulin	0.5			
Iron/TIBC	0.2	P	or	
Isopropanol	0.3	P	or	
Ketone Screen	0.2	P	or	
Lactate	0.3	on ice		
Lactose Tolerance	0.2	P	or	
LD	0.2	P	or	
LDL Cholesterol	0.3	P	or	
Lipase	0.2	P	or	
Lipoprotein (a)	0.5	P	or	
Lithium	0.3			
Luteinizing Hormone	0.3	P	or	
Magnesium	0.2	P	or	
Metanephrines – Plasma	2.0			
Methanol	0.3	P	or	
Methotrexate	0.3	P		
Mitochondrial Antibody*	0.3			
Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody	0.7			
Nicotine, Quantitative	6.0			
NT-pro BNP	RRL: 0.3	P	or	
	HCTL & Immunochemistry: 0.5			
Osmolality	0.2	P	or	
Parathyroid Hormone	0.7			
Parietal Cell Antibody*	0.3			
Phenobarbital	0.2	P	or	
Phenytoin	0.2	P	or	
Phenytoin, Free	2.0	P	or	
Phosphate	0.2	P	or	
Potassium	0.2	P	or	
Prealbumin	0.3			
Primidone	0.3	P	or	
Progesterone	0.3	P	or	
Prolactin	0.3	P	or	
Protein, Total	0.2	P	or	
PSA	0.3	P		
PSA, Free	0.3	P		
Pseudocholinesterase	0.3	P	or	
Renin	0.7			on ice
Reticulin Antibody*	0.3			
Reticulocyte Count	0.5			
Rheumatoid Factor, Quantitative	0.3	P	or	
Rubella Antibodies, Acute (IgG, IgM)	0.8	P	or	
Salicylate	0.2			
Sex Hormone Binding Globulin	0.3			
Sirolimus **	0.5			
Smooth Muscle Antibody*	0.3			
Sodium	0.2	P	or	



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T3, Free	0.3	P	or	
T3, Total	0.3	P	or	
T4, Free	0.3	P	or	
Tacrolimus **	0.5			
Testosterone, Total	0.3	P	or	
Theophylline	0.2	P	or	
Thiocyanate	6.5	P	or	
Thiopental	3.5			
Thyroglobulin (includes Anti-TG)	0.8			
TTG (Celiac Disease Screen)	0.7			
TTG IgG	0.4			
Tobramycin	0.2	P	or	
Total Protein	0.2	P	or	
Transferrin	0.3	P	or	
Tricyclic Screen	0.3			
Triglycerides	0.2	P	or	
Troponin T	0.3	P	or	
TSH	0.3	P	or	
Type and Screen - Neonate	2 x 0.5			
Urate	0.2	P	or	
Urea	0.2	P	or	
Valproate	0.2	P	or	
Vancomycin	0.2	P	or	
Vitamin A ***	1.0	protect from light		
Vitamin B1	0.5	protect from light		
Vitamin B6	0.3	protect from light		
Vitamin B12	0.3	P	or	
Vitamin D, 1, 25 DiHydroxy	0.6			
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Vitamin E ***	1.0	protect from light		

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Common Chemistry Test Group

The following tests are performed on Roche Analyzers C601, e601, Modular, and Vitros 350, and may be grouped together in the same collection tube. The preferred microcollection tube type is light green (mint) top PST for all tests. Gold top SST microcollection is also acceptable. Minimum volume is 0.30 mL whole blood for 1-4 tests and 0.1 mL whole blood for each additional test.

Albumin	Chloride	HDL	Protein, Total
ALP	Cholesterol	Iron	Sodium
ALT	CK	LD	TIBC
Amylase	CO2	LDL	Triglycerides
AST	Creatinine	Lipase	Urate
Bilirubin, Direct	Electrolytes	Magnesium	Urea
Bilirubin, Total	GGT	Phosphate	
Calcium	Glucose	Potassium	

Other Test Groups

The following tests may be grouped together in the same collection tube. The preferred microcollection tube type is gold top SST for all tests in a group.

Test	Whole Blood Volume	Test	Whole Blood Volume
Serum Protein Electrophoresis		Lipid Group	
SPE: includes SPE and TP	0.5 mL	LDL Calc, Chol, Trig, HDL	0.3 mL
HSPE: includes SPE	0.5 mL	Add ApoA-1 & ApoB	1.0 mL
Total TP, SPE, IgG, IgA & IgM	1.1 mL	Add Lpa (Lipoprotein little a)	0.9 mL
Hepatitis Group		Thyroid Marker Group	
HAV-Total & HAVAB-M	0.8 mL	Anti Tg	2.0 mL for all tests
HBsAg, core, Anti HBs	1.5 mL	Anti TPO	
Anti HBs & HAVAB total	1.5 mL	Thyroglobulin	
Hepatitis Screen (HBsAg & AHAVM)	0.8 mL	TSH, Total T3, Free T3, Free T4	
Positive HBsAg – confirmation	0.8 mL		
Persistent Hypoglycemia (NICU)			
Glucose	0.2 mL	2.0 mL for all tests	
TSH	0.3 mL		
Free T4	0.3 mL		
Cortisol	0.3 mL		
Growth Hormone	0.4 mL		
Insulin	0.5 mL		