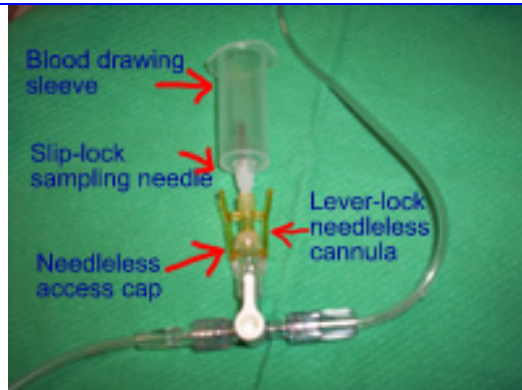


**NEW BLOOD DRAWING PROCEDURE IN CCTC  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2006**

1. Draw all blood samples through a needleless Interlink™ cap. **Do not remove the cap to draw blood samples.**

2. Connect a needleless Lever Lock™ access cannula to **each** syringe or slip-lock needleless/blood drawing sleeve.



3. **Scrub** the interlink cap with a 2% chlorhexidine swab AND ALLOW IT TO DRY FOR 60 SECONDS.

The scrubbing action is important to loosen any surface pathogens. The antimicrobial action begins to work after the chlorhexidine dries.

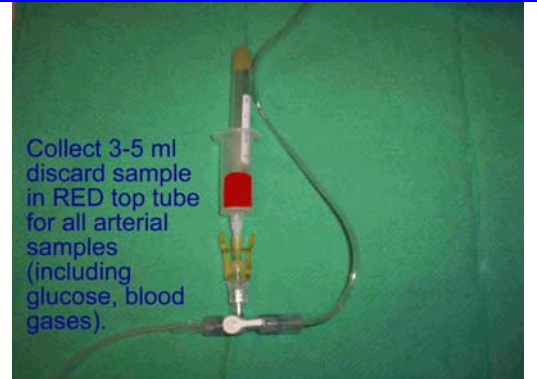
4. Collect a 3-5 ml discard sample into a red top tube **(this is required for all samples including glucose or blood gases)**. Dispose of discard in biohazardous waste.

For central venous lines, a minimum discard sample of 8 ml is required.

A red top tube is the least expensive blood tube and is rarely used for blood tests (reducing confusion with lab samples).

Admixture of heparinized flush solution will have the greatest impact on small volume lab samples (greater significance of dilution).

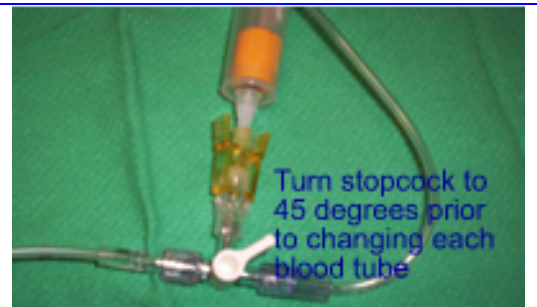
A syringe may be used to obtain the discard sample if none of the samples are being collected into blood tubes.



Collect 3-5 ml discard sample in RED top tube for all arterial samples (including glucose, blood gases).

5. Be sure to turn stopcock to 45 degree between all syringe or blood tube changes.

This prevents contamination of sample with heparinized flush solution and protects you from blood splatter.



Turn stopcock to 45 degrees prior to changing each blood tube

6. After obtaining the last lab sample, connect a new Lever-lock device with blood drawing sleeve into the stopcock.

7. Turn the stopcock "off" to the patient, and insert a red top tube into the sleeve.

8. Pull the flush device and back-flush into the red top tube until all blood is cleared.

You may need to manipulate the cannula in the Interlink™ cap during flushing in order to adequately clear all of the blood.

Change the Interlink™ cap if blood remains trapped in the cap after back-flushing.

Dispose of the red top tube into a biohazardous waste container.

