

Venous Blood Collection

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Organize supplies.

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Wash your hands thoroughly and put on a new pair of gloves.

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Assemble needle and vacuum tube holder.

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Put tourniquet on client about 7-10 cm above puncture site.

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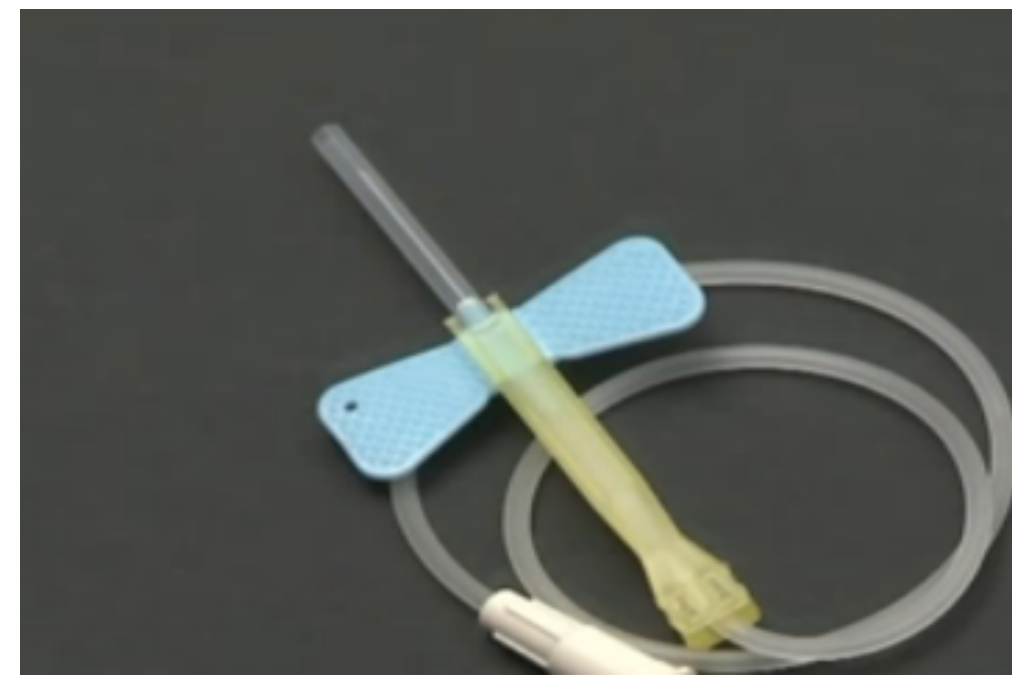
Have client form a fist so veins are more prominent.

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Clean the puncture site in a circular motion with alcohol. Dry thoroughly.

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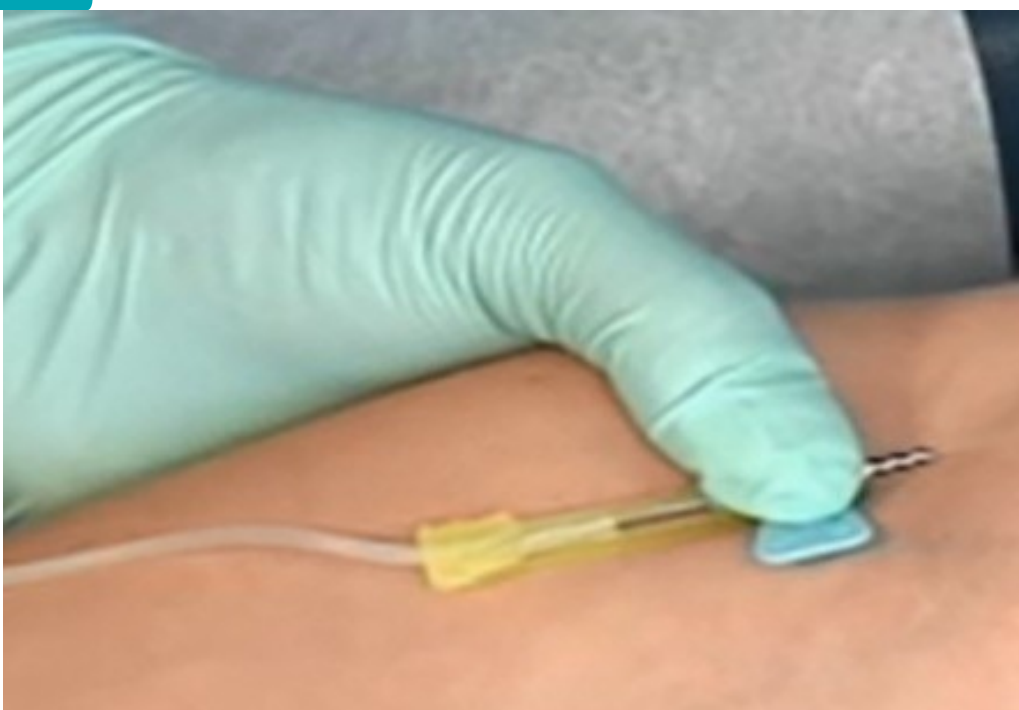
Remove needle sheath from butterfly winged infusion set.

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Use your thumb to pull skin tight, 1-2" below puncture site.

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Insert the needle, bevel side up into the vein. A "flash" of blood will enter the tubing.

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Push the vacutainer tube into the needle. Blood should flow into the tube.

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Have participant relax the fist, and release the tourniquet

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When complete, remove the tube and gently invert it 8-10 times before laying it down.

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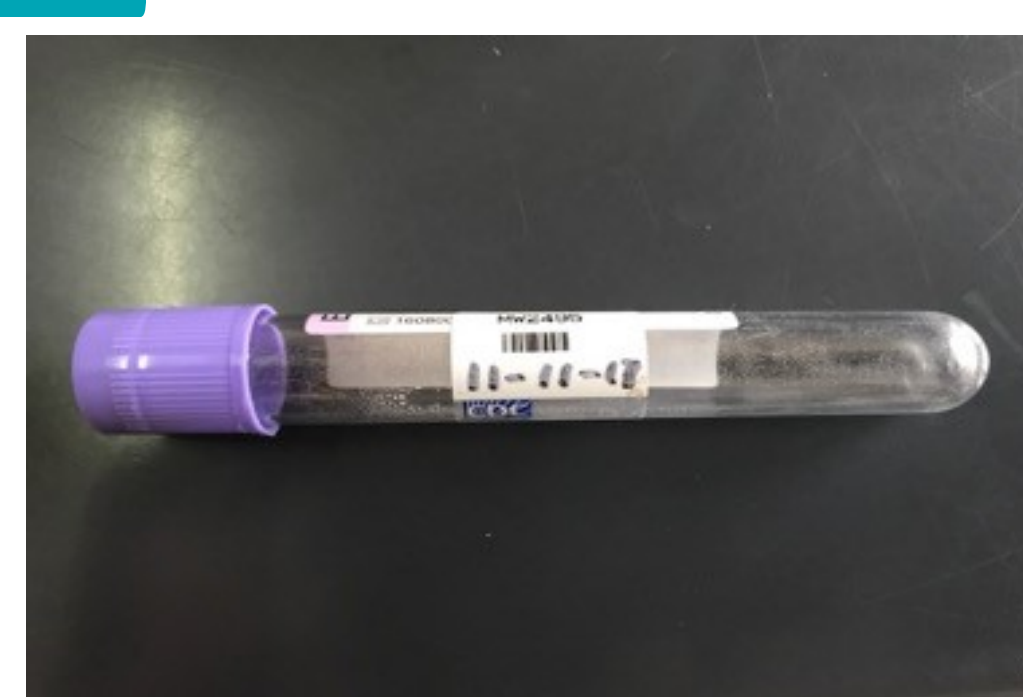
Remove needle. Place dry gauze over the puncture site. Apply pressure until bleeding stops.

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Apply plaster to puncture site.

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Label your tube per protocol.

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Properly dispose of all hazardous materials.

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Complete relevant sections of the Laboratory Requisition Form.