BEFORE COLLECTION

- Train on procedure and safety
- Check requisition and patient ID
- Get supplies
  - Tourniquet - puncture device - tubes or bottles -
    disinfectant wipes - gauze - bandage - biohazard container
- Wash hands - put on gloves

COLLECTION

- Apply tourniquet and select site
- Use peripheral veins (catheters may be contaminated)
- Clean site with disinfectant
- For multiple tubes, follow “draw order”
- Follow collection tube instructions (i.e. proper volume, mixing etc.)
- Remove needle - apply pressure with dry gauze pad
- Place entire puncture device in biohazard box
- Bandage puncture site
- Label samples with name, unique ID and DOB before leaving the patient

AFTER COLLECTION

- Process, store or transport sample(s) as required by testing laboratory
- Remove gloves, dispose in biohazard waste and wash hands