

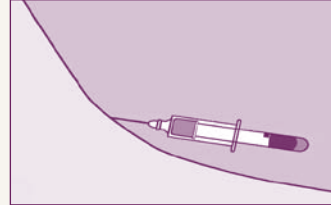


## Quick Guide QFT™ Blood Collection Tubes

Catalog No: 0590-0301

For use with QFT™ ELISA kit  
(Catalog No: 0594-0201).

### BLOOD COLLECTION



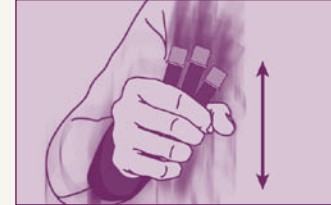
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Collect blood by venepuncture.  
*Vacuum fills to black mark (1mL).  
Blood flow may be slow.  
Hold tube on needle for 2–3 seconds  
after flow ceases.  
Repeat tube if not close to mark.*

#### Technical Tip

Butterfly needles—prime the tubing with a normal tube (not supplied) before filling QFT™ tubes.

### BLOOD COLLECTION



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Immediately after filling, **SHAKE** tubes **vigorously** for 5 seconds.

*Ensure that entire inner surface of each tube has been coated with blood.*

*Proper shaking will lead to frothing of blood. This does not affect the results, and should be observed for correct performance of the test.*

*Label tubes appropriately.*



### SHIPPING / INCUBATION



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#### Option 1—Incubate at Laboratory

Ship tubes to laboratory at 17°C–27°C. Blood must be incubated at 37°C as soon as possible (and within 16 hours of collection).

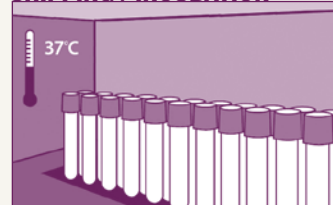
*Laboratory staff must re-shake tubes immediately prior to 37°C incubation.*



#### Technical Tip

Label tubes as “Not Incubated”.

### SHIPPING / INCUBATION



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#### Option 2—Incubate at Collection site

Blood must be incubated as soon as possible (and within 16 hrs of collection). Incubate tubes **upright** at 37°C for 16–24 hours.

*Humidity/CO<sub>2</sub> not required.*

*Portable incubators are available from Cellestis.*

If tubes are not incubated at 37°C soon after collection, re-shake tubes immediately prior to incubation.

### SHIPPING / INCUBATION



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#### Option 2 (continued)

Ship **incubated** tubes to testing laboratory (within 3 days, if not centrifuged).

*Maintain tubes at 2°C–27°C.*

#### Technical Tip

Label tubes as “Incubated”.

### CENTRIFUGATION



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Centrifuge tubes prior to sampling.

*Spin at 2000–3000g for 15 minutes.*

Plasma in **centrifuged** tubes is stable for 4 weeks when stored at 2°C–8°C.

⚠ WARNING: Standard blood handling precautions apply.

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