

Laboratory Update

Correction: Tube Clarification for the New PFA Analyzer

The Laboratory transitioned to using a new PFA Analyzer on October 6, 2026. This new analyzer was validated using **3.2% sodium citrate** collection tubes. To ensure compliance with validation requirements and maintain the accuracy and reliability of patient results, 3.8% sodium citrate tubes will **no longer** be accepted for PFA testing. We would like to provide some further clarification regarding the previous update from last week. Shown below are the correct tubes used for the PFA test:

New Instrument: PFA (Platelet Function Assay/Analysis) done on the PFA-100.

Order: PLATELET FUNCTION ANALYSIS [LAB318]

Test Catalog link: [Lab Directory](#)

The tubes below are **acceptable** tubes to use for this test:



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The tube below is the **unacceptable** tube:



Please review current collection procedures and ensure the appropriate citrate tubes are available in your area. If you have questions regarding specimen collection or testing requirements, please contact the Laboratory. Thank you for your continued trust in our MercyOne Laboratory.