



Ancillary Biomarker Study FAQs

Q: Is the "Site Number" on the LabCorp Supply Reorder Form the same as the WebDCU "Spoke Code"?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I use an expired kit if nothing else is available?

A: Ideally, we don't want sites to use expired kits. However, if you enroll a patient before new kits arrive, we will accept tubes when the blood draw date is no later 2 months after the expiration date. Please indicate clearly the date that the tubes expired at the bottom of the Shipment Alert Form in the Lab Manual that is shipped with the specimens.

Q: Should specimens be sent to LabCorp before the expiration date? Or does blood need to be drawn before the expiration date?

A: As long as the blood is drawn before the expiration date, sample integrity will remain.

Q: The only thing I can see in our kits with an upcoming expiration date is the EDTA vacutainers (purple top tubes). Can we just replace those and keep the rest of our unused kits?

A: Although only the EDTA tubes expire, the entire kit is connected to that tube (barcode number). Therefore, the full kit should be discarded per your local guidelines and a new one re-ordered using the Supply Reorder Form in the back of the Lab Manual.

Q: Do the aliquot tubes have an expiration date?

A: See previous answer.

Q: I recently ordered kits but don't expect them to arrive before the expiration date. Can we replace the expired tube with a new 10cc purple top tube? This is an option on the order form.

A: The option is available to replace the 10cc purple top tube; however, this item is on the form to provide back-up tubes in the event something happens to the tube provided in the kit. To use the additional tubes to replace expired tubes, the site would have to provide an adhesive label that will fit on the tube and write everything as it appears on the expired tube in that kit. This includes the barcode number and any patient demographics that are requested. Also, the site will have to write a note on the requisition form stating that the expired tube was replaced with another tube. Failure to do any of these things completely and correctly may result in cancellations of testing, or may result in the delay of processing samples.