

Serum and Plasma Pour Offs

How do we know the difference?

Serum Is the clear yellowish fluid that remains from blood plasma after fibrinogen, prothrombin, and other clotting factors have been removed by clot formation.

Plasma leaves the clotting factors in place by adding an anticoagulant to the tube.



Serum / Gel / Cells

Tubes that contain a clot activator will produce **SERUM** when the blood is spun after clotting.

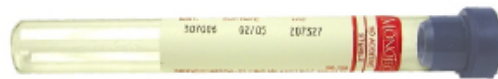


Always label pour offs from these tubes as **SERUM**

Tubes that contain a clot inhibitor will produce **PLASMA** when the blood has been spun.



Always label pour offs from these tubes as **PLASMA**



Please call RML Client Services for processing instructions on any Royal Blue Tube.