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## Specialty Laboratories Update: SST Tubes

In a recent memo, Becton Dickinson announced:

*BD has completed its clinical validations of adjusted BD Vacutainer® SST™ glass and Plus plastic and SST™ II blood collection tubes, and has initiated production of adjusted products. The adjusted products will resolve the previously communicated assay interferences. Once available, and until a new label design can be implemented, the adjusted products can be clearly recognized by the inclusion of an Alpha Character (A, B, C, D or E) at the end of the product lot number identification, for example: lot number 123456A. This Alpha Character lot number distinction will be clearly visible on all levels of packaging. Note that the lot numbers of the non-adjusted products are numeric only.*

Thus, *Specialty* can once again accept specimens collected in the adjusted gel separator tubes for the assays listed below. The new tubes are available through *Specialty* Client Supply at 800-421-7110 ext. 6690 or via fax 661-799-5252.

3224 Triiodothyronine (T3)	3605 Pernicious Anemia EvaluatR™ with reflex
3225 Triiodothyronine Free, Dialysis	3134 CA 27.29
3072 Thyroid Panel, Hyperthyroidism	3134SR CA 27.29 with serial reporting
3226 Thyroxine (T4)	2020 Follicle-Stimulating Hormone &
3230 Thyroxine, Free Index	Luteinizing Hormone Eval
3954 Thyroxine Free, Direct Dialysis	2016 Infertility: Endocrine Evaluation (Female)
3522 Folate	2017 Infertility: Endocrine Evaluation (Male)
3020 Vitamin B12 & Folate	2023 Polycystic Ovary Evaluation
3504 Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin)	3174 Follicle-Stimulating Hormone
3507 Vitamin B12 EvaluatR™	

*Specialty* does, however, continue to discourage use of SST tubes for shipping specimens, and serum separator tubes are unacceptable for assays determining therapeutic drug levels. View the [BD Diagnostics update](#) for more information.