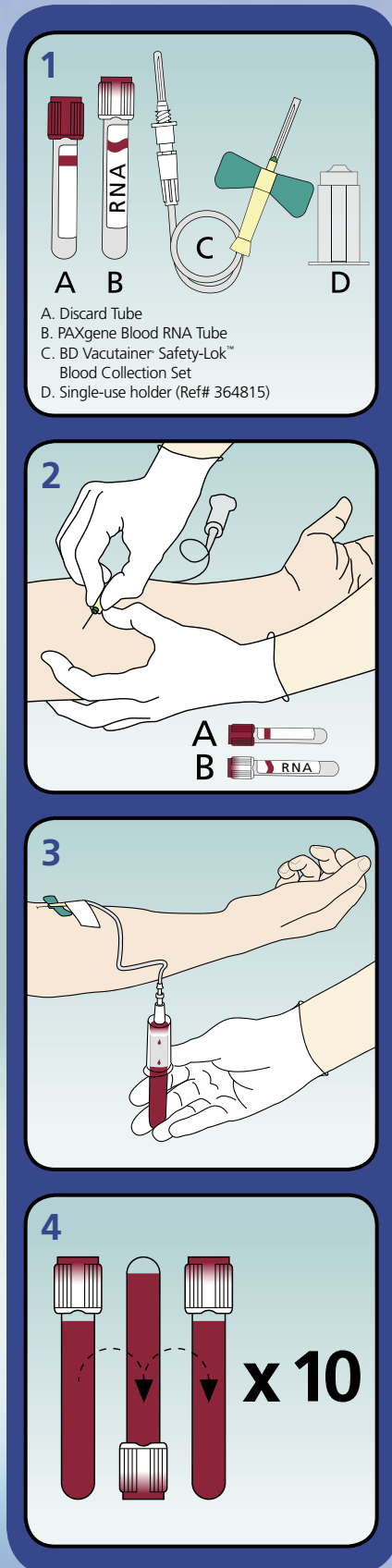


# How to Collect Blood Using the PAXgene™ Blood RNA Tube

## For Molecular Diagnostic Testing



### Required Items:

- 1a. Ensure that the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube (B) is at room temperature (18°C-25°C) prior to use and properly labeled with patient identification.
- 1b. If the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube is the only tube to be drawn, a small amount of blood should be drawn into a "Discard Tube" (A) prior to drawing blood into the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube. Otherwise, the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube should be the last tube drawn in the phlebotomy procedure.

### Venipuncture:

2. Using a BD Vacutainer® Safety-Lok™ Blood Collection Set (C), collect blood into the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube using your institution's recommended standard procedure for venipuncture.

### Blood Collection:

- 3a. Hold the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube vertically, below the blood donor's arm, during blood collection.
- 3b. Allow at least 10 seconds for a complete blood draw to take place. Ensure that the blood has stopped flowing into the tube before removing the tube from the holder. (See Figure 1)

### After Blood Collection:

- 4a. Gently invert the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube 8 to 10 times.
- 4b. Store the PAXgene Blood RNA Tube upright at room temperature (18°C-25°C) or at 4°C.\*

Before Blood Collection



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After Blood Collection



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