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Vacutainer

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A brand of test tube specifically designed for venipuncture; the tube contains a vacuum allowing it to suck blood through a needle and fill itself. The tube may contain additives to facilitate downstream processing and testing of the blood samples; the tube cap is color-coded to indicate the type of additive present.