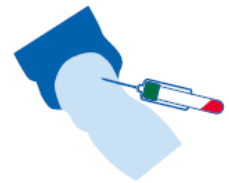


QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Plus blood collection

Blood collection

1. Label QFT-Plus Blood Collection Tubes appropriately.
Important: QFT-Plus Blood Collection Tubes should be at room temperature at the time of blood collection.
2. Collect 1 ml of blood by venipuncture directly into each of the QFT-Plus Blood Collection Tubes.
 - 2a. As 1 ml tubes draw blood relatively slowly, keep the tube on the needle for 2–3 seconds once the tube appears to have completed filling.
 - 2b. The black mark on the side of the tubes indicates the validated range of 0.8–1.2 ml. If the level of blood in any tube is outside of the indicator mark, a new blood sample should be obtained.
 - 2c. If a “butterfly needle” is being used to collect blood, a “purge” tube should be used to ensure that the tubing is filled with blood prior to the QFT-Plus Blood Collection Tubes being used.



Tube shaking

1. Immediately after filling the tubes, shake them ten (10) times just firmly enough to ensure the entire inner surface of the tube is coated with blood. This will dissolve antigens on tube walls.
Important: Overly vigorous shaking may cause gel disruption and could lead to aberrant results.

