Hematocrit Test

Procedure

Patient Identification

Confirm the patient's identity using at least two unique identifiers (e.g., name and date of birth).

Sample Collection

- Prepare the patient's arm and insert the needle into the selected vein.
- Collect appropriate blood into a suitable blood collection tube (e.g., lavender-top EDTA tube).

Prepared the patient's left antecubital vein and inserted a 21-gauge needle. Collected 4 mL of blood into a lavender-top EDTA tube.

Blood Handling

- Gently invert the collection tube several times to ensure proper blood mixing with the anticoagulant.
- · Avoid hemolysis during sample handling.

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Centrifugation		
 Place the collection tube in the centrifuge machine and spin at rpm for minutes. 		
Ensure proper balance in the centrifuge.		
Separation		
After centrifugation, observe the separation of blood components.		
Red blood cells should settle at the bottom of the tube.		
Measurement		
• Use a hematology analyzer or a manual method to measure the hematocrit level.		
Report the result as a percentage (%).		
Results		
Hematocrit Level:% (Reference Range:%%) Interpretation		
Clinical Considerations		
High Hematocrit Indications:		
Low Hematocrit Indications:		
Follow-up		
Discuss results with the ordering physician.		
Consider additional tests if necessary.		
Communicate results to the patient and provide necessary recommendations.		
Certification		
I certify that I have performed the hematocrit test according to the standard protocols and that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.		

Medical Professional's Signature: _______Date:_____