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- 1. Prepare umbilical cord sample section as per hospital protocol.
- 2. Prepare syringe for sample aspiration by depressing the plunger to the bottom of the syringe and confirming needle is securely affixed to the syringe.
- 3. Affix arterial and venous identification labels to the syringes.
- 4. Remove protective sheath from needle by pulling straight off, using caution not to damage needle tip.
- 5. Hold the syringe at a 45° angle and perform puncture.
- 6. Aspirate two blood samples (one venous, one arterial) from the excised clamped cord segment.
- 7. After each sample is aspirated, engage needle protection device by:
  - a. Using the same hand holding the syringe, center thumb or forefinger on the finger pad area of the
  - b. Push the cover forward toward the needle until you hear and/or feel it lock.
  - c. Visually confirm that the needle tip is covered.
- 8. Remove needle and discard needle appropriately in a sharps bio-hazard container
- 9. Thoroughly mix the blood with the dry heparin by shaking or rolling syringe.
- 10. Transport blood sample to the blood gas analyzer for analysis.



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