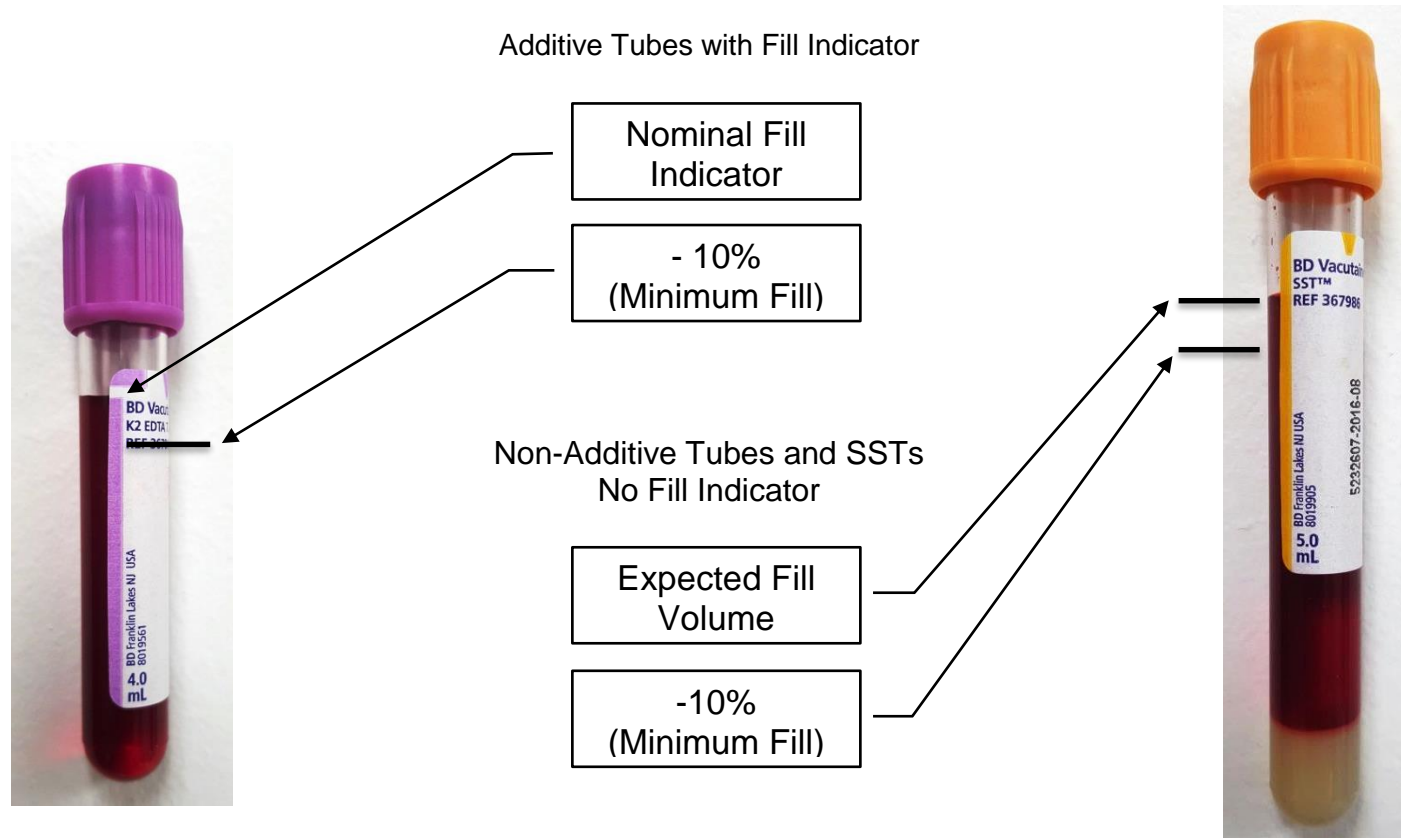


## Blood Collection Tube Fill Volume

Proper phlebotomy technique is critical to ensure collection of the appropriate blood volume. Evacuated tubes are designed to draw the volume indicated ( $\pm 10\%$ ) until the expiration date on the tube. Filling is complete when vacuum no longer continues to draw.



It is important to note that label placement can vary slightly from tube to tube. For this reason, fill indicators are approximate indicators of expected fill volume. **Not all tubes have fill indicator lines, e.g. SST tubes.** Let tubes fill completely until the vacuum stops. Hold the tube up to the image above to check for proper fill level.

**Noticeably under-filled tubes will be rejected for testing.**