



MediCopia Best Practices – Adding Containers without Tests

For customers using the “New...” item to add extra containers to be collected, a challenge exists if they are not specifying tests along with the containers. The system requires the user pick a container from a drop-down list, and prompts the user to confirm that no tests should be added. For those customers who want to just collect an extra container and specify the tests at a later time, this requires additional screen clicks to add the container.

Best Practice: Several customers have implemented an extra container strategy that uses pseudo-tests to provide a faster way of adding containers. Rather than selecting a container from a drop-down, the user simply selects the extra container type in the lower-left box. This bypasses the prompt to confirm that no tests were selected, and provides a much faster way of adding extra containers. In the sequence below, the user simply double clicked on the “**Extra Blue” item to get from one screen to the next:

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a software interface for adding containers. Both screenshots show a 'Container' section with a 'Type' dropdown menu, a 'Spc Inst' dropdown menu, and a 'Quantity' spinner set to 1. Below this is a 'Tests' section with two columns: 'Available' and 'Selected'. In the left screenshot, the 'Available' column contains two items: '**Extra Blue' and '**Extra Green'. In the right screenshot, the 'Type' dropdown is set to 'BLUE' and the '**Extra Blue' item has moved to the 'Selected' column. Both screenshots have 'Add Order' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

System configuration for these pseudo-tests is straightforward. First, make sure the appropriate containers are Addable in the “Container Types” page. Next, create one or more pseudo-tests in the Test Type page for the extra containers, i.e. “**Extra Green” and/or “**Extra Blue”. Make sure these are Addable, as shown below:

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Specimen Test Types

Code	Container	Description
**Extra Blue	BLUE	Extra Blue
**Extra Green	GREEN	Extra Green
AER	BLDCUL	Aerobic
AMIK	RED	Amikacin
AMIN	GREEN	Amino Acids, Plasma
ANA	BLDCUL	Anaerobic
BMP	RED	Basic Metabolic Panel
CAF	GREEN	Ionized Calcium
CAL	RED	Chemistry 1, Calcium
CBC	LAVENDER	CBC
CBCD	LAVENDER	CBC & Diff
CFCEL	CSF	Cell Count, CSF
CFELE	CSF	CSF Electrophoresis
CFGLU	CSF	CSF Glucose
CHRM	GREEN	Chromosome Analysis, Blood
CMP	RED	Comprehensive Metabolic Panel

Show Inactive

Selected Test Type:

Code: Active

Container: Addable

Description: Specimen Source Required

Performed Note Required

Although the extra containers will appear at the top of the list (given that they begin with asterisks), Lattice recommends marking other tests as not Addable. If there are a large number of tests in the system, Lattice Support can assist in the process of marking tests as not Addable through a batch support process.