Factors and Their Possible Consequences:

- Alternative sites to the antecubital area, such as hand veins are fragile and easily traumatised.
- Specimens collected by penetrating through a hematoma may cause erroneous test results.

Veins in antecubital area are normally veins of choice. If necessary to draw in a location other than the antecubital area, use a 22G or 23G needle with special tubes manufactured as partial draws.

In the presence of hematoma, collect as far away from the hematoma as possible.

References:


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