

UPDATE – BLOOD CULTURE BOTTLE SHORTAGE

TEST CHANGE – SUPPLY ITEM

Notification Date: August 7th, 2024

Effective Date: August 13th, 2024

Explanation: On the effective date, specimens submitted for the test codes below *must* be collected using the correct new Blood Culture Bottles.

Specimens submitted using the incorrect supply container for the provided source *will be rejected*.

Test Code	Test Name
LAB462	Blood Culture, Blood-Adult
LAB2089	Blood Culture, Pediatric Blood
LAB269	Bacterial Culture, Body Fluids

Old Bottle Types – BD Bactec



New Bottle Types – Biomerieux BacT/Alert



Note: Blood collection and ordering will remain the same for fungal culture, blood LAB242, and acid-fast bacillus culture LAB246.

Additional Recommendations:

- Ensure bottles are filled to optimal volume (10mL for adult patients and according to weight-based [blood culture recommendations](#) for pediatric patients).
- Practice extra diligence to avoid contamination.

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