

Culture Blood

Synonyms	Blood culture, Blood Cx, BC
Abbreviation	Bld Cx
Specimen type	Blood
Container	Aerobic and Anaerobic blood culture bottles
Volume	Bactec Plus aerobic/anaerobic vials: 8-10ml optimal; 3-10ml acceptable. Bactec Peds Plus vial: 1-3ml optimal; 0.5-3ml acceptable.
Collection requirements	Select a different site for each set of cultures. Avoid drawing from IV catheters unless ordered by a physician. When collecting from lines, use 70% alcohol to clean the hub and allow to dry for at least 30 seconds. Do not use iodine. No discard or flush is necessary. Specific site of collection must be documented and the information submitted to Lab.
S/H instructions	Deliver to Lab immediately at room temp.
Stability	
Reference range	No growth
Routine / STAT T.A.T	Prelim within 24 hours
Section	Micro
LAB code	04084