

Client Communication

Microbiology - Specimen Collection Device Change Introducing New Blood Culture Vials

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Effective in August 2019, Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (PathLabs) will be transitioning Blood Culture testing to ProMedica Laboratories in conjunction with our joint venture initiative ProMedica Pathology Laboratories (ProMedica PathLabs). With this transition, as a result of using new and advanced instrumentation, there are very important changes to the specimen collection devices for Blood Culture specimens. Guidance is provided below. Supplies are immediately available through our Supply Department.

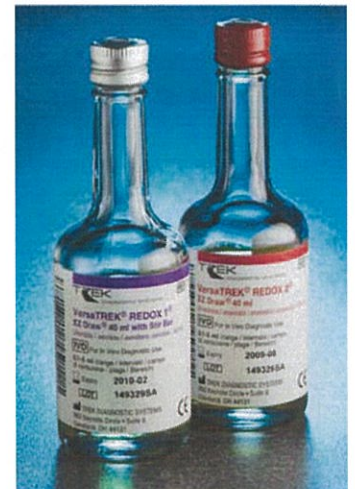
Blood Culture: New Specimen Collection Device

Two new specimen collection devices are available for use soon. New vials are as shown:

- **VersaTREK Redox 1 (aerobic) – silver cap**
- **VersaTREK Redox 2 (anaerobic) – red cap**

Notes

- The VersaTREK Redox vials replace Bactec aerobic, Bactec anaerobic and Bactec PedsPlus bottles
- **Optimum fill is 5 mL per bottle**
- **Minimum fill is 0.5 mL per bottle**
- If unable to draw more than 0.5 mL blood, fill the aerobic vial only
- If more than 1 mL but less than 10 mL, equally split blood volume between the two vials
- Lower fill volume eliminates the need for pediatric-specific bottles
- Label Reminders: Label all specimens vertically
- DO NOT cover the manufacturer's barcode label
- DO NOT place label immediately adjacent to the manufacturer label



Please review the information and make changes as applicable to your practice/facility. If you have any questions, please contact our Client Service Department at 419.255.4600 or toll-free at 800.281.8804, your Account Executive, or Dr. Nicole Hubbard, Medical Director of Infectious Disease Pathology, available through ProMedica Laboratories' Customer Service at 888.471.4134.

We are excited for this transition and the ability to enhance our service offering with new and improved technology available through the combined efforts of ProMedica PathLabs.

Thank you for supporting Pathology Laboratories.