

Mycobacteria and *Nocardia* Culture, Varies

Test ID: CTB

Testing Impact of BD BACTEC™ MGIT™ 960 – Growth Supplement Kit

Due to a nationwide shortage of the BD BACTEC MGIT- Growth supplement kit, broth mycobacterial cultures are currently unavailable. Mayo Clinic Laboratories offers our clients alternative testing methodologies, as outlined below.

Alternative Methods

Specimens submitted for Mycobacteria and Nocardia culture will be performed using solid culture media only. This may impact the turnaround time for positive results. Identification of organism growth will follow the established algorithm as usual. When reagent is available specimens submitted will have both the broth and solid media cultures performed.

Not Affected

- Direct identification of mycobacterial species from culture slants sent for identification is not affected (test code: CTBID).
- Direct identification of *M. tuberculosis* complex from patient specimens is not affected (test codes: MTBXP and MTBRP).
- Antimicrobial susceptibility testing is not affected (test codes: TB1LN, TB2LN, TBPZA, MMLRG, and MMLSG).

Questions

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