

Mycobacterial Culture, Blood

Test ID: CTBBL

Explanation: On the effective date, isolator tubes will no longer be an acceptable specimen type for this test.

Current Specimen Required	New Specimen Required
<p>Container/Tube: Preferred: Green top (sodium or lithium heparin) Acceptable: SPS/Isolator System Specimen Volume: 8 to 10 mL per culture Collection Instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Send specimen in original tube.2. Isolator System/SPS tubes are acceptable, but not preferred.3. Draw blood in an Isolator/SPS tube and send 8 mL of whole blood in the original Isolator tube.4. Note: when sending SPS tube, it must be clearly labeled SPS. If label is obscured, sample may be cancelled, as ACD (yellow top) is not an acceptable tube type.	<p>Container/Tube: Preferred: Green top (sodium or lithium heparin) Acceptable: SPS Specimen Volume: 8 to 10 mL per culture Collection Instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Send specimen in original tube.2. SPS tubes are acceptable, but not preferred.3. Note: when sending a SPS tube, it must be clearly labeled as SPS. If label is obscured, sample may be cancelled, as ACD (yellow top) is not an acceptable tube type.

Questions

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