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Blood Culture (Positive – Referred) Identification Information Sheet

<u>Overview</u>

MDL Test Name

Blood Culture (Positive – Referred) – Identification

MDL Test Code

POSBLD_CULT_ID

Ask at Order Questions

Gram stain result

Specimen Source

Positive blood culture bottle

Specimen Requirements

Container/Tube

x Blood culture bottle(s) that have been flagged positive by the client's instrumentation

AND/OR

- x Culture on suitable agar (solid) medium plate
- x NOTE: For clients that are able, plates should be subbed and submitted with the bottle(s) to expedite results

Specimen Volume (minimum)

N/A

Sample Stability Time

Stability varies with the organism; STAT delivery is recommended



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Patient Preparation / Collection Instructions

Must be a blood culture bottle(s) that have been flagged positive by the client's instrumentation, please include the initial gram stain result from the client site.

<u>Performance</u>

Days Performed

Daily; Monday – Sunday

Report Available (TAT) – (Once received at MDL)

1 – 4 days

Specimen Retention Time

7 days

Method Description

Identification methods may include any of the following: conventional biochemical