



Technical Alert

Outsourcing Blood Cultures for Fungi and Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB)

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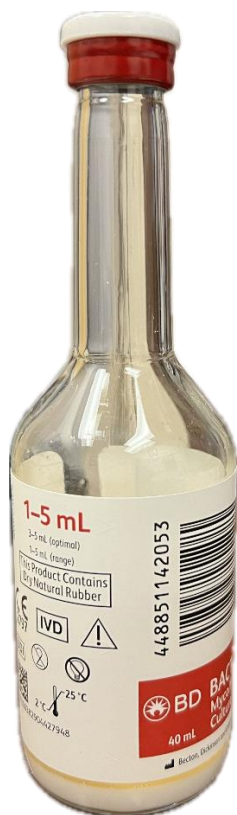
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SUBJECT: Outsourcing Fungal/AFB Blood Cultures due to Supply Disruptions



Becton, Dickenson and Company (BD) has discontinued production of the Myco F Lytic blood culture bottles used by Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc. (DLS). Rather than validate new bottles to continue this low volume test in-house, DLS will outsource this testing to ARUP as soon as the existing stock of bottles is depleted.

New, plastic bottles have already been obtained and are available from DLS supply. There is no change to the ordering code for fungal blood culture (#645B) or AFB blood culture (#646) at this time.

We do not expect a significant impact on the turn-around-time (TAT) because these are already long incubation tests (4-6 weeks).

Please refer any questions to Tori Enomoto, Manager - DLS Microbiology Lab at 808-441-5470, or DLS Client Services at 808-589-5101.