Technical Bulletin

Transition to BACT/ALERT® FAN PLUS Blood Culture Bottles

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SUBJECT: Transition to BACT/ALERT® FAN PLUS Blood Culture Bottles

bioMérieux, the manufacturer of the BACT/ALERT blood culture system, has announced that BACT/ALERT SA (aerobic) and SN (anaerobic) Standard blood culture bottles will be discontinued at the end of 2026. DLS has completed validation of the replacement product, BACT/ALERT FAN PLUS bottles and can accept specimens collected in either the current Standard bottles or the new FAN PLUS bottles during the transition period. New bottles will begin circulating mid-December.

BACT/ALERT FAN PLUS bottles offer enhanced microorganism recovery and optimized time-to-detection compared with Standard blood culture bottles.

During the transition:

- Continue to use existing supplies of BACT/ALERT Standard bottles until depleted.
- BACT/ALERT FAN PLUS bottles may be used immediately and will be accepted by DLS.
- Do not discard unexpired Standard bottles solely because FAN PLUS bottles are available.
- Always check expiration dates and use only unexpired bottles.

This transition does not change the submission requirements of blood culture bottles to DLS.



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

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