

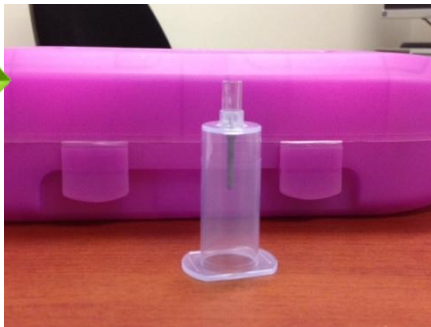
Components of New Blood Cx System: Go LIVE 6/19/2012



Blood Culture Bottles
MM # 40940 & 40941
(delivered to units on 6/19 but
Phlebotomy *may* begin earlier)



Purple Carrier: From the Lab
and assigned to your area
X43451



New Transfer Device/Vacutainer
MM#49829(female tip)
MM# 53903(male tip; phlebotomy)



Large Specimen bag MM# 53900
2 FOAM Pieces MM# 36355

Tubing Requirements:

1. Blood Cultures **MUST** be placed in a purple “bullet”.
2. “Bullet” **MUST** be placed in a large biohazard bag
And in a tube with foam on **BOTH** sides.



No other samples may be included.



Labels & Returning “Bullets”:

- ❖ “Bullets” will be labeled with packaging instructions for the nurses.
- ❖ “Bullets” will be labeled with the Laboratory’s tube station numbers.
- ❖ “Bullets” will be labeled with the designated nursing unit’s tube station number.
- ❖ All “bullets” will be returned to the designated nursing units (as indicated on the “bullet” label) by SPS upon receipt in the Laboratory and removal of the blood culture bottles.

Additional Information:

- ❖ **Why are we making this change?** *Improved patient care. We have a new instrument and the glass bottles prevent organisms from sticking to the sides of the bottles. Micro will be able to identify more positive blood cultures and our physicians can better treat our patients.*
- ❖ **What if blood cultures are not tubed correctly (no foam, biohazard bag or extra samples included)?** *Labels will be provided to document the error. Place the label on the original req with your documentation and give to Micro.*

Blood Culture Transport Problem(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 piece or no foam	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle(s) broken
<input type="checkbox"/> No biohazard bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Not in purple carrier
<input type="checkbox"/> Another specimen in same pneumatic tube	
Recollect notification to: _____	
Date: _____	Time: _____

- ❖ **What if I receive a broken or leaking blood culture?** *Take the sample to Micro. Should you notice a leak before open the “bullet”, do not open.*
- ❖ **Isolator Tubes:** *Be aware that the floors may contact us for isolator tubes on occasion. These will be stored in Micro should we need to send one to a nursing unit.*