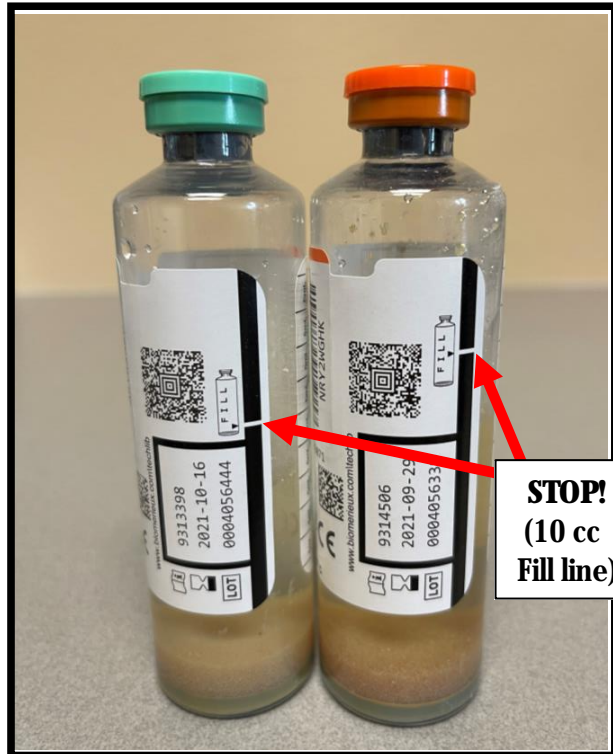


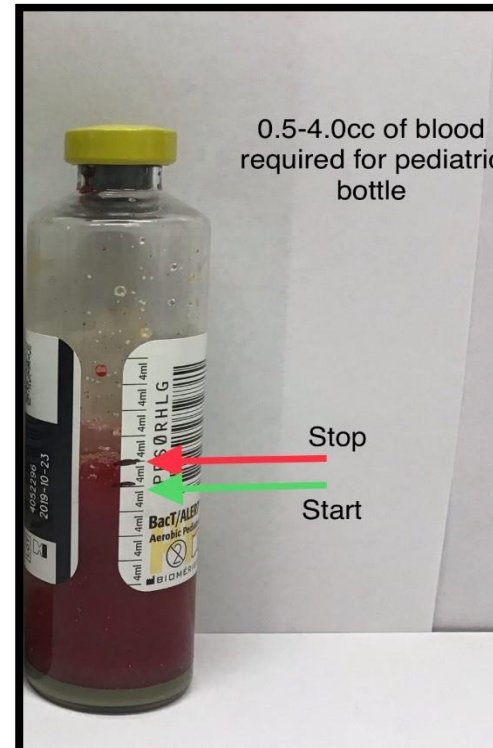
Blood Culture Collection Guide 4.05.A01

1. Stop all infusions prior to specimen collection.
2. Refer to the enterprise intravenous therapy policy for proper cleansing technique for preparing the line draw site.
3. A “Set” of blood cultures is defined as one aerobic (**green**) and one anaerobic (**orange**) culture bottle or one pediatric (**yellow**) bottle
4. Keep supplies as sterile as possible.
5. Uncap the bottles and clean them with an alcohol prep. Let dry for 30 seconds.
6. **Correct volume of blood is critical. 16-20cc for one adult set (8-10cc/bottle) or 0.5-4cc for a pediatric bottle.**
7. **ATTENTION:** When using aerobic and anaerobic bottles, the inoculation order varies (Refer to policy with drawing instructions for each device):
 - A. Syringe and Line draws (Nursing staff only): Inoculate **anaerobic** bottle first, followed by **aerobic** bottle.
 - B. Butterfly: Inoculate **aerobic** bottle first, followed by **anaerobic** bottle.Label specimens and send to lab. Please do not completely cover the barcode on the bottle with the test label.



Adult Culture Set

(Only aerobic/anaerobic bottles include a fill line mark)



Pediatric Culture Set



Labeling (Avoid areas in red squares)