

PDL Update: NEW Blood Culture Bottles

Effective: February 2, 2021

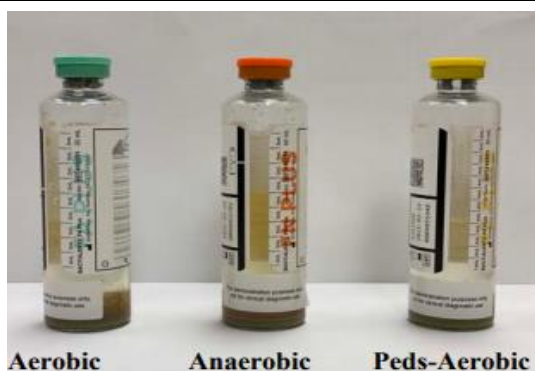
WHAT HAS OCCURRED

Effective February 2, 2021, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) has moved to a new BacT/ALERT® Virtu blood culture system requiring **new order codes** as well as **different blood culture bottles** to be used.

TEST NAME	NEW CODE	REPLACES CODE
Blood Culture	LAB10834	LAB462
Blood Culture Pediatric	LAB10835	LAB8687

NEW SUPPLY

NEW BacT/ALERT® BLOOD CULTURE BOTTLES



Aerobic Anaerobic Peds-Aerobic

REPLACES BD BACTEC®



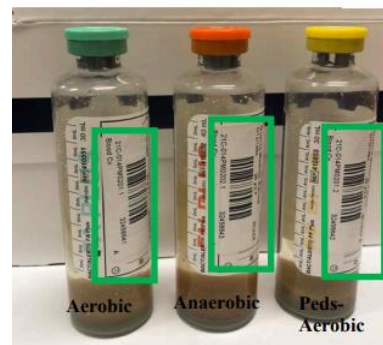
Peds Plus Aerobic Anaerobic

COLLECTION VOLUME REQUIREMENTS for BacT/ALERT®

Bottle Cap Color	Bottle Type	Draw Volume	Minimum Volume
Green bottle	Aerobic	8-10 mL	5 mL
Orange bottle	Anaerobic	8-10 mL	5 mL
Yellow bottle	Pediatric Aerobic	3 mL	0.5 mL

LABELING

Please place labels in a vertical orientation on the spot noted on the bottle label (green area in the first image).



Aerobic Anaerobic Peds-Aerobic

NEXT STEPS:

- Please adjust the order code on your requisition or within your EMR system.
- If you have any of the BD BACTEC bottles at your office, please return to PDL or discard.
- If you need a supply of the new BACT/ALERT® bottles contact PDL Client supply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100