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Laboratory Update

**AFB and FUNGAL Blood Culture collection change -
Moving to Bactec Myco/LyticF**

Dear Healthcare Provider,

SPS tubes currently in use for Fungal and AFB blood cultures have been discontinued. Going forward, we will begin collecting Bactec MycoF/Lytic blood culture bottles for Fungal and AFB testing. Please do not use these style bottles for routine bacterial blood cultures.

Start Date: As SPS tubes become unavailable, or expire (last batch expire in July)

COLLECT:



SPS tubes acceptable until unavailable or expired, then go to Bactec MycoF/Lytic after

ORDER CODE(s) have not changed: LAB3327 Fungal Blood culture, LAB3850 AFB Blood culture

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMENS: Special Blood cultures only (Blood or Bone Marrow)

TURN AROUND TIME: Fungal Blood incubated 4 weeks, AFB Blood incubated 8 weeks, TAT variable

TESTING LABORATORY: ARUP LABORATORIES

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