

# Blood Culture Bottles

## Collect using aseptic technique

Recommendations for the routine collection of blood cultures for adults, wherever possible a minimum of two sets of bottles be collected. Ideally 20ml blood from two different venepuncture sites. Each 20ml should be distributed equally between a blood culture set comprising of one aerobic (green cap) and one anaerobic bottle (orange cap).

### Blood Culture Bottles (set of 2)



BacT/ALERT FA Plus (green cap – aerobic bottle)

BacT/ALERT FN Plus (orange cap – anaerobic bottle)

*Blood volume required up to 10mls (only) per bottle*



### Paediatric Blood Culture Bottle

BacT/ALERT PF Plus - Paediatric (yellow cap bottle)

*Blood volume up to 4mls (only)*

*These bottles are for infants/neonates and when difficult collection and limited blood volume collected.*

Collected blood culture bottles should be delivered to the laboratory ASAP after collection at room temperature. Do not cover bar code on bottle with patient sticker.

Note: All these bottles have an expiry date on label and should not be stored past their use by date on wards or surgeries.