

November 22, 2023

Discontinuation of Isolator Tubes for Fungal/Mycobacterial Blood Culture

Dear Valued Client,

The Wampole Isolator Tubes for blood culture collection when fungal or mycobacterial pathogens are suspected, has been discontinued by the manufacturer.

Whole blood may now be collected in a green top sodium heparin tube if Blood Culture, Fungal (BIF) or Blood Culture, Mycobacteria (BIT) are ordered.

- 10 mLs is recommended.
- Lower volume collections will be accepted but recovery may be impacted.
- A majority of fungal infections will be recovered from routine blood culture. Fungal blood cultures should be ordered when there is concern for an endemic mycosis or disseminated mold infection.
- Mycobacterial blood cultures should be ordered when there is a concern for disseminated mycobacterial infection, which is generally limited to severely immunocompromised patients or individuals with specific risk factors.
- **ISOLATOR TUBES WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE SUPPLY IS DEPLETED.**

For questions, please call **877-402-4221**. For technical questions related to this test, please ask for **Technical Support between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** For general inquiries, Customer Care is available to assist at any time.

Sincerely,

HNL Lab Medicine