



# Blood Culture (Positive – Referred) Identification Information Sheet

## Overview

MDL Test Name

Blood Culture (Positive – Referred) – Identification

MDL Test Code

POSBLD\_CULT\_ID

Ask at Order Questions

Gram stain result

Specimen Source

Positive blood culture bottle

## Specimen Requirements

Container/Tube

- x Blood culture bottle(s) that have been flagged positive by the client's instrumentation

AND/OR

- x Culture on suitable agar (solid) medium plate
- x NOTE: For clients that are able, plates should be subbed and submitted with the bottle(s) to expedite results

Specimen Volume (minimum )

N/A

Sample Stability Time

Stability varies with the organism; STAT delivery is recommended



## Patient Preparation / Collection Instructions

Must be a blood culture bottle(s) that have been flagged positive by the client's instrumentation, please include the initial gram stain result from the client site.

## Performance

### Days Performed

Daily; Monday – Sunday

### Report Available (TAT ) – (Once received at MDL )

1 – 4 days

### Specimen Retention Time

7 days

### Method Description

Identification methods may include any of the following: conventional biochemical