

## CHANGE

### BD BACTEC™ BLOOD CULTURE COLLECTION BOTTLES

**Effective March 2020**, TriCore will phase in plastic BD BACTEC™ blood culture collection bottles, replacing current BD BACTEC™ blood culture collection bottles made of glass. This change will result in increased safety as there should be no breakage issues with plastic bottles when dropped. Ordering of blood culture bottles remains the same. As the glass blood culture bottles are consumed, plastic bottles will be supplied.

#### CHANGES

- The plastic bottles are 2cm shorter than the glass bottles.
- The labels and color of some caps will change.

#### BENEFITS

- BACTEC™ system is compatible with both glass and plastic blood culture bottles enabling the use of both types of bottles concurrently.
- The plastic blood culture bottles have been validated by all laboratories and there is no difference in organism yield and time to positivity.
- Collection procedure remains the same.
- There is no change in compatibility with standard safety adapters.
- There are no changes to the recommendations on collection or volumes.
- Ordering of blood culture bottles remains the same.

**NOTE:** This change does **NOT** apply to blood culture collection for Mycobacteria.

#### BD BACTEC™ PLASTIC BLOOD CULTURE COLLECTION BOTTLES



Plastic Plus Aerobic bottle  
blue top | grey cap



Plastic Lytic Anaerobic bottle  
purple top | purple cap



Plastic Peds Plus bottle  
grey top | pink cap