



## Client Communication

# Microbiology - Specimen Collection Device Change

## Introducing New Blood Culture Vials

Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (PathLabs) is pleased to formally announce two (2) new collection devices for Blood Culture specimens. This advanced blood culture media offers both rapid results and superior accuracy. Further details, regarding the collection vials and guidance for use, are provided below. Supplies are immediately available through our Supply Department.

### Blood Culture: New Specimen Collection Device

Two (2) specimen collection devices are available. New vials are as shown below.

- BACT/ALERT® FAN® PLUS (Aerobic) - **Green Cap**
- BACT/ALERT® FAN® PLUS (Anaerobic) - **Orange Cap**

### Blood Culture Collection Guidance

- BACT/ALERT® FAN® PLUS vials replace VersaTREK Redox vials
- **Optimum fill is 8-10 mL per bottle**
- **Minimum fill is 0.5 mL per bottle**
  - If unable to draw more than 0.5 mL blood, fill the aerobic vial only
  - If more than 1 mL but less than 10 mL, equally split blood volume between the two vials
  - Lower fill volume eliminates the need for pediatric-specific bottles
- **Label Reminders: Label all specimens vertically**
  - **DO NOT** cover the manufacturer's barcode label
  - **DO NOT** place label immediately adjacent to the manufacturer's label



Our online test directory has been updated to reflect this information.

This Client Communication has also been posted to our website for reference.

Please review the information and make changes as applicable to your practice/facility. If you have any questions, please contact our Client Service Department at **419.255.4601/800.281.8804** or your account executive. Thank you.

