

Update to UVMHC Blood Culture Reporting

Effective 1/26/2022, the UVMHC Clinical Microbiology Laboratory discontinued reporting the number and type of blood culture bottles that are positive. The determination of blood culture contamination should be based on the number of sets positive with usual skin flora (coagulase negative Staphylococci, viridans Streptococci, Corynebacteria) and **not** the number of bottles that are positive, as 2 bottles within 1 set can be contaminated. In addition, the type of bottle that the organism grows in does not help presumptively identify it. This follows microbiology reporting guidelines and was vetted by the Infectious Disease Practice Committee. The Verigene assay (rapid molecular identification) will still be performed, if indicated.

There are no build changes to the test, Bacterial Culture, Blood, or to the ordering process.

Test Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Bacterial Culture, Blood	LAB2516	BRC	FAH5264

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