

# TEST UPDATE

## Fungal Culture, Blood to be Discontinued

### UVMMMC

Effective 12/6/23, the UVMMMC Microbiology Laboratory will be inactivating the order for Fungal Culture, Blood. Routine blood culture bottles grow most yeast species with standard incubation used for bacterial culture. The current lysis centrifugation method is primarily for the recovery of Histoplasma species and filamentous mold. A review of 1 year of blood fungal cultures did not identify any clinically significant yeast or mold not identified in routine cultures.

Orderable to be Discontinued	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Fungus Culture, Blood	LAB2535	BFC	FAH5266

Alternate Orderable	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Bacterial Culture, Blood/Bone Marrow	LAB2516	BRC	FAH5264

If Histoplasma species is suspected, Mayo FBL, Fungal Culture, Blood, can be ordered using the Miscellaneous Test, Mayo order, LAB2392.

Orderable Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Miscellaneous Test, Mayo	LAB2392	MIS	N/A

For questions or concerns regarding this alert, please contact UVMMMC Laboratory Customer Service at (802)847-5121 and ask to speak with Microbiology.

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