



NEW TEST TEST CHANGE

NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/23/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/23/2023

Bone Marrow Culture/Gram Stain (C BM)

On the effective date, Northwell Health Laboratories will update the Bone Marrow Culture/Gram Stain test specimen collection procedures for bacterial bone marrow cultures. The Isolator tubes have been discontinued by the vendor due to nationwide supply chain challenges. Bone Marrow for bacterial culture will now be collected in BD Vacutainer® Specialty Tubes. A gram stain will only be performed upon growth from a positive culture.

Test Requirement/Parameters	New	Previous
Methodology	Culture	Culture
Specimen Requirements	Bone Marrow	Bone Marrow
Submission Container/Tube	BD Vacutainer® Specialty Tubes (Catalog #364960) 	Abbott Isolator Microbial Tubes 10 mL (Catalog #50C7) 
Specimen Volume/Minimum Volume	1.0–5.0mL	0.5–1.5mL
Specimen Stability	Delivered to laboratory as soon as possible at room temperature	Delivered to laboratory as soon as possible at room temperature
Reference Range	Culture NEGATIVE	Culture NEGATIVE
Result Reporting	Final reports issued after 7 days	Final reports issued after 5 days
Computer Interface Code	PDM #6201340	PDM #6201340
Test Order	C BM	C BM

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (800) 472-5757.

