

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

NEW TEST TEST CHANGE



NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/25/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/31/2023

Fungus Blood (F BLD) Acid Fast Blood (AF BLD)

On the effective date, Northwell Health Laboratories will update the collection requirements for the Fungus Blood and Acid Fast Blood tests. The collection of fungal and acid-fast bacilli (AFB) blood cultures with Isolator tubes have been discontinued by the manufacturer due to nationwide supply chain challenges. The collection of blood cultures for these tests will now be done with BD BACTEC Myco/F Lytic bottles. Updated collection instructions can be found on the Northwell Health Labs Test Directory at: <https://labs.northwell.edu/test/657645> and <https://labs.northwell.edu/test/657689>.

The BD BACTEC Myco/F Lytic bottle is a glass bottle that must be handled and transported with caution.

Test Requirement/Parameters	New	Previous
Method	Culture	Culture
Submission Container/Tube	BD Bactec Myco/F Lytic Bottle (PS #112965, Catalog #442288) 	Abbott Isolator Microbial Tube 10mL (PS #10694, Catalog #50C7) 
Specimen Volume	3.0–5.0mL	7.0–10.0mL
Storage/Transport Instructions	Room Temperature GLASS BOTTLE , handle and transport with caution	Room Temperature
Culture Incubation Time	6 weeks	4-6 weeks
Computer Interface Code	PDM #6201264, #6201242	PDM #6201264, #6201242
Test Order	F BLD, AF BLD	F BLD, AF BLD

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