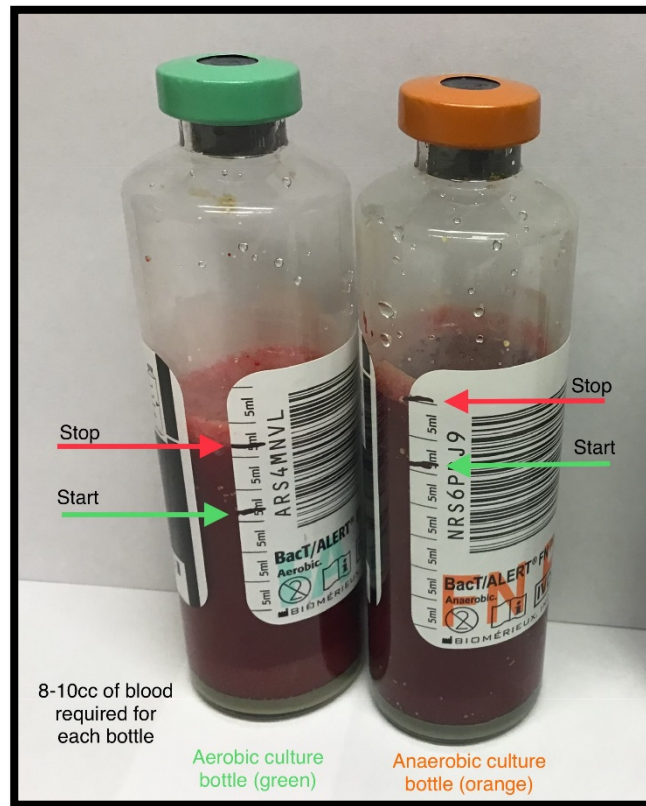


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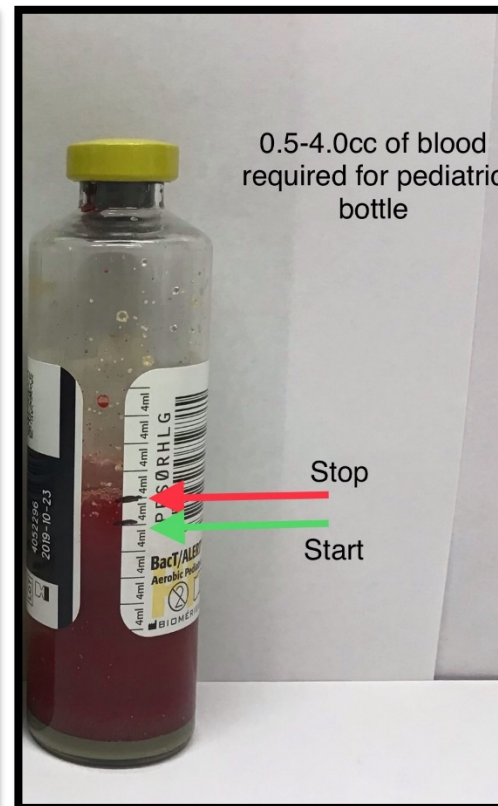
1. Stop all infusions prior to specimen collection.
2. Refer to the enterprise intravenous therapy policy for proper cleansing technique for preparing the line draw site.
3. A "Set" of blood cultures is defined as one aerobic (green) and one anaerobic (orange) culture bottle or one pediatric (yellow) bottle
4. Keep supplies as sterile as possible.
5. Uncap the bottles and clean them with an alcohol prep. Let dry for 30 seconds.
6. **Correct volume of blood is critical. 16-20cc for one adult set (8-10cc/bottle) or 0.5-4cc for a pediatric bottle.**
7. Attach the syringe to a blood culture transfer device and inoculate bottles; aerobic bottle first, anaerobic bottle second.
8. Label specimens and send to lab. Please do not cover the barcode on the bottle with the test label.



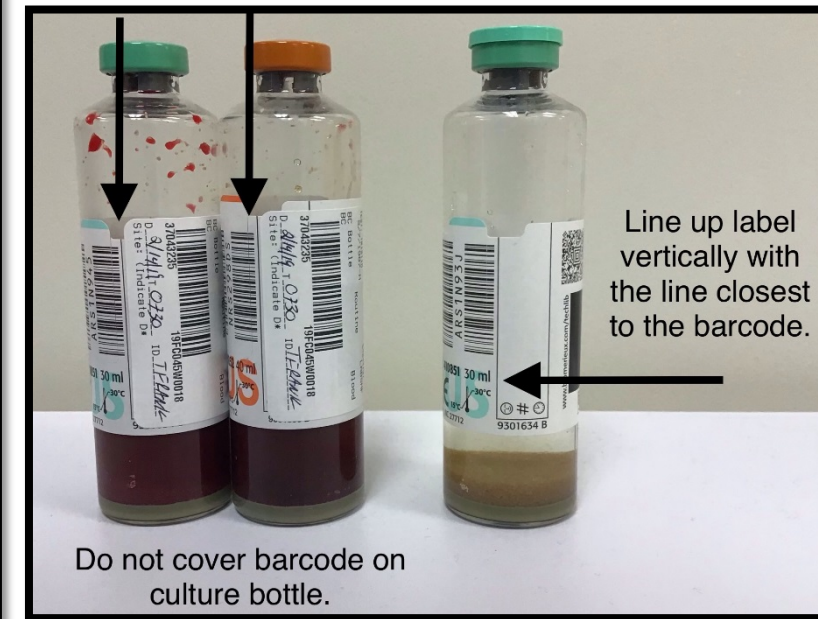
20cc syringe with transfer device



Adult Culture Set



Pediatric Culture Set



Labeling