

January 22, 2026

CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY

Change in Blood Culture Bottles for Blood Cultures Processed by The Pas Clinical Microbiology Laboratory

Date effective: February 23, 2026

Key Messages:

- Effective February 23, 2026, The Pas Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will no longer accept bioMérieux BacT/Alert blood culture bottles for blood cultures, CAPD fluid cultures, or other cultures. **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles** will replace bioMérieux BacT/Alert blood culture bottles.
- **Effective February 23, 2026, only BD BACTEC aerobic, anaerobic, and pediatric blood culture bottles should be used if bottles are submitted to The Pas Clinical Microbiology Laboratory.**
- A two-week grace period will be permitted to help with the transition to **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles**. Please have this implementation completed by March 9, 2026. During transition to the **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles**, both old and new types of collection containers will be accepted and processed. bioMérieux BacT/Alert blood culture bottle instruments will be removed from service at The Pas Clinical Microbiology Laboratory on March 9, 2026.
- There will be no change to reporting or final reports for blood culture, CAPD, and other culture-based testing with the transition to **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles**.

Why is this changing:

- All Clinical Microbiology laboratories in Manitoba have acquired new BD BACTEC blood culture instruments that require use of **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles** compatible with the new instrumentation.

Action Required:

- Review your current supply of bioMérieux blood culture bottles (if applicable), with the expectation to no longer use this product after February 23, 2026.
- Order an appropriate supply of **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles** for conversion.
- **BD BACTEC blood culture bottles and supplies** are available through established supply sources.

Ordering Information:

New Product	Size/Volume packaging	Unit of Measure	Product Code/SKU	SAP
BD BACTEC Plus Aerobic Medium	50/case	BO	442023	379880
BD BACTEC Lytic Anaerobic Medium	50/case	BO	442021	379879
BD BACTEC Peds Plus Medium	50/case	BO	442020	379878
BD Vacutainer® Single Use Holder	1000/case	EA	364815	204407
BD Vacutainer® Blood Transfer Device	198/case	EA	36488000	205723



BD
BACTEC™
Lytic/10
Anaerobic/F
Medium
SKU 442021



BD
BACTEC™
Plus Aerobic/F
Medium
SKU 442023



BD
BACTEC™
Peds Plus/F
Medium
SKU 442020

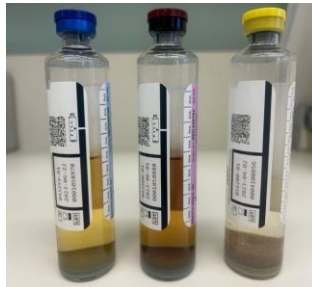


BD
Vacutainer®
Single Use
Holder
SKU 364815



BD
Vacutainer®
Blood Transfer
Device
SKU 36488000

Replacing the following:



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