





Memorandum – Micro #240

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Subject: Temporary Substitution in Blood Culture Bottles

Effective November 19th, 2024, as part of the response to the BD blood culture bottle shortage, UNC Medical Center will begin temporarily utilizing glass anaerobic blood culture bottles. Because of the risk of the glass bottles breaking during transport **ALL BLOOD CULTURE BOTTLES (PLASTIC AND GLASS) MUST BE PLACED INTO PROTECTIVE CARRIERS BEFORE TRANSPORTING VIA PNEUMATIC TUBE.** See ([Culture, Blood](#)) on the test menu for more information on how to use the carriers. Carriers should be stocked via central distribution (INFOR Number 446137).

Contact the microbiology laboratory at 984.974.1805 with additional questions.