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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Manufacturer shortage of Blood Culture bottles

DATE: September 16, 2014

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There is a shortage of blood culture bottles due to a supply problem with the manufacturer, BioMerieux. The company is working on a solution to the problem; however, we have not been given a date as to when the problem will be resolved.

The aerobic bottle (green top) will be replaced temporarily with a charcoal based aerobic bottle (also green top), that was previously used at our sites prior to December 2013. This replacement will be available today. If a blood culture must be taken prior to receipt of the replacement bottle, a pediatric bottle (yellow top) can be used in replacement of the aerobic bottle following recommended volumes (maximum of 4 ml).

There is no change in collection. Attached is a picture of the bottle types that were used prior to December 2013 and the current bottles that are impacted by the supply problem.



Blood culture bottles
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For any questions, contact the microbiology laboratory (ext 47148) or Dr. D. Yamamura (ext 46111).