



## Blood Culture, AFB

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	None	
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover	
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Sterile yellow top tube (SPS)	
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	Adult:	5.0 mL
	Pediatric:	1.0 mL
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b>	24 hours/day
	<b>Stat:</b>	No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	Positive cultures are called immediately.	
	Negative cultures are reported after 6 weeks.	
<b>Special Handling:</b>	None	
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None	
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>		
<b>Reference Range:</b>	No growth (No Acid-fast bacilli isolated)	
<b>Critical Value:</b>	None	
<b>CPT Code:</b>	87116	
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>		
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside.	
<b>Other Comments:</b>		
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	To culture blood for mycobacterium species, including Mycobacterium tuberculosis and Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC).	