



Blood Cultures, Pediatric

Alternate Name:	None	
Performing Lab:	New Hanover	
Specimen Container:		
Children \leq 10 years and \leq 88 lbs:	Bactec PEDS Plus bottle: grey-top	
	Site #1	Site #2:
Age / weight :		
\leq10 years and \leq 88 lbs:	1-5 mL in 1 Bactec PEDs bottle	1-5 mL in 1 Bactec PEDs bottle
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Testing Availability		
Routine:	24 hours/day	
Stat:	Yes	
Turnaround Time:	Positive cultures are called immediately to the pharmacist for the patient's location.	
	Negative cultures are held for 5 days.	
Special Handling:	None	
Patient Preparation:	None	
Specimen Stability:		
Reference Range:	No growth	
Critical Value:	Any growth	
CPT Code:	87040	

Testing Methodology: Culture

Causes for Specimen Rejection: Improper labeling
Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside.

Other Comments:

Clinical Significance: To isolate and identify potential aerobic and anaerobic pathogens, and perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing of the aerobic organisms where indicated.