

POLICY TITLE: FUNGAL BLOOD CULTURE	
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FUNGAL BLOOD CULTURE

Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratory

Specimen Requirements: 2 Sodium Heparin Tubes

Draw specimen using sterile technique. Proper disinfection of collection site is essential (growth of contaminants may occur when collection site is not disinfected properly).

1. Two sodium heparin tubes are inoculated per order.
2. For adults, a minimum of 5 mL and a maximum of 10 mL of blood is inoculated into a 10 mL sodium heparin tube.
3. For small children and infants, 1.5 mL of blood is inoculated into a 10 mL sodium heparin tube.
4. For adults that are "hard to stick," the collection of 1.5 mL of blood inoculated in a 10 mL sodium heparin tube is acceptable.
5. Label the tube(s) with patient's information, date and actual time of collection, and site of collection.

Note:

Maximum storage of sodium heparin tubes is 7 days at ambient temperature.

Reference Values: No fungus recovered

Critical value: positive result