

Mycobacteria Blood Culture transport guidance sheet:

Contents:



Mycobacteria Blood culture bottle.

Note: for investigation of Mycobacterium chimaera 3 bottles should be taken. Bottles should be taken on separate days though days need not be consecutive.

Transport system



Plastic bottle holder (fits up to 2 bottles)



Absorbent insert



1) Place bottle(s) into the plastic holder. Ensure the bottles are pressed firmly into place.



2) Place insert between the two sections of the plastic bottle holder.



3) Close the clip frame. Make sure the two main clips are fastened then clip all round frame to ensure good seal.



4) Place sealed plastic holder into large white container and ensure lid is firmly secured. Specimens can now be sent back to the laboratory via normal transport system.

Note: Mycobacteria Blood Culture bottles MUST be returned to the laboratory using the protocol outlined above. These are glass bottles and cannot be placed loosely into normal transport bags or hospital air tube system.