

Clinical Microbiology Collection Tube Change

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Discontinuation of SPS collection tube

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SUMMARY OF TEST CHANGE

Effective **November 3, 2026**, the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will transition to new collection requirements for the following tests due to manufacturer discontinuation of SPS Vacutainer® collection tubes:

- **Bone marrow cultures**
 - Collect in sterile, leak-proof container
 - **Acid-fast (AFB) blood cultures**
 - Collect in BD Myco/F Lytic blood culture bottle, available from laboratory on an as-needed basis (614-293-8676)
 - **Transport specimens to the laboratory as soon as possible at ambient temperature**
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See the online test catalog for more information - [The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center Labs Test Catalog](#)

For questions, please contact the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory at 614-257-3918.

