

Huddle Topic

Blood Culture Draw Technique

Purpose: Reduce Blood Culture Contamination

Prevent Blood Culture Contamination by following these steps for every blood culture draw:

1. Perform hand hygiene and don clean gloves
2. Pop the caps of **1** aerobic and **1** anaerobic bottle
3. Scrub bottles' septums for 30 seconds with CHG. **Do not place in the bed.**
4. Wrap tourniquet
5. Find your vein- **DO NOT DRAW FROM ANY LINE.** Line draws can lead to:
 - Contamination due to culturing biofilm on the line
 - False positive results → Misdiagnosis →
 - Inappropriate treatment
6. Scrub skin with **Chloraprep/CHG for 30 seconds, then air dry for 30 seconds**
 - if drawing from a moist area scrub for 2 minutes and dry for 1 minute
7. **DO NOT TOUCH THE AREA YOU SCRUBBED**
8. Use the blood transfer device to inject blood into bottles
9. Fill bottles alphabetically: **Blue/Grey** (aerobic) THEN **Purple/Pink** (anaerobic)
10. Date/Time/Initial/Source
11. Place both bottles in 1 biohazard bag

