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BACTEC FX Maintenance		Next Review: 06 November, 2019	
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# PURPOSE:

The BACTEC FX Instrument is used with BACTEC culture vials to detect sepsis and bacteremia in patients. Maintenance is performed to ensure accuracy and precision of the various components of the BACTEC FX Instrument.

# SUPPLIES:

- BACTEC<sup>™</sup> FX Instrument
- BACTEC<sup>™</sup> Plus Aerobic/F Culture Vials (blue top)
- BACTEC<sup>™</sup> Lytic/10 Anaerobic/F Culture Vials (purple top)
- BACTEC<sup>™</sup> Peds Plus<sup>™</sup>/F Culture Vials (pink top)

# SPECIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Containment Level 2 facilities, equipment, and operational practices for work involving infectious or potential infectious materials or cultures.

- Lab gown must be worn when performing activities with potential pathogens.
- Gloves must be worn when direct skin contact with infected materials is unavoidable.
- Eye protection must be used when there is a known or potential risk of exposure of splashes.
- All procedures that may produce aerosols, or involve high concentrations or large volumes should be conducted in a biological safety cabinet (BSC).
- The use of needles, syringes and other sharp objects should be strictly limited.

All patient specimens are assumed to be potentially infectious. Universal precautions must be followed. Since viable micro-organisms are used, all cultures must be handled with appropriate precautions. All equipment in contact with cultures should be decontaminated by appropriate methods.

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### **PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Step	Action				
Daily	BACTEC FX Maintenance (Record on MIC70500)				
	Record Drawer A & B digital temperatures (displayed on touch screen):				
1	• In the Maintenance Test tab $\rightarrow$ view the temperature displayed below the "Drawer				
	Temperature and Status" on the touch screen.				
	Record drawer thermometer temperatures and Drawer A & B internal LEDs:				
	a) Still in Maintenance tab $\rightarrow$ open Drawer A (drawer on left side)				
	b) Maintenance Test tab $\rightarrow$ "Station LEDs" $\rightarrow$ Tap the "Red" button $\rightarrow$ View Drawer. All the				
	stations should glow red. Wait 5 seconds (lights turn off).				
2	c) Keep the drawer open, and tap the "Green" button on the test display in the Maintenance				
	tab. All the stations should glow green. Wait 5 seconds.				
	d) Press the "on/off" button on the temperature probe to turn it on.				
	e) Press the on/off button again to turn the probe off before closing the drawer.				
	f) Close Drawer.				
	g) Notify the Technologist II if any of these lights are not functioning.				
	Check the Alarm function:				
3	• Ensure both drawers are closed. Tap the "Alarm" button on the Maintenance Test tab				
	(see below)				
	Check system status indicators:				
4	Tap the "Status" button on the Maintenance Test tab.				
-	• Both handles should glow the three status colors (red, green and yellow).				
	Print Inventory Report:				
	<ul> <li>Reports → Current Inventory → Print</li> </ul>				
5	• Check report to ensure all specimens have an accession number and patient information.				
	If information is missing, bottle needs to be removed and investigated. Likely the				
	specimen was not accessioned or collected and received.				
6	Once all indicators are checked touch the "Status" tab to return to the "Status" screen for normal				
o	operations.				
7	Change DVD in Epicenter computer.				
'	Go to Epicenter computer beside BACTEC and change the DVD.				

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<ul> <li>by BACTEC FX Maintenance</li> <li>Change air filters: <ul> <li>Left Access Panel (Silver filter)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rinse filters with tap water and place on towel to air dry.</li> <li>Use backup filters to replace into the analyzer</li> <li>Once filters that were taken out are dry, replace them at the instrument for use next month.</li> </ul> <li>Top of Instrument (Black filter)</li>					

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#### **REFERENCES:**

• BACTEX FX Instrument User Manual

### **REVISION HISTORY:**

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