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After-Hours Blood Culture Handling Job Aid

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- Do **NOT** put blood culture bottles from the Inuvik lab into the BACTEC as they are already positive bottles
- All other blood culture bottles go in the BACTEC, ordered or not
- If bottle barcode is obstructed, put bottle in BACTEC and leave note for micro staff

Collection	What do I do with the bottle?	Important notes
<b>Inuvik</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Put bottle in O<sub>2</sub> incubator</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> receive bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> put bottle in BACTEC</li></ul>
<b>Hay River and Fort Smith</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Receive bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Put bottle in BACTEC</li><li>➤ Leave a message for micro staff that bottles from HR/FS have been loaded into the BACTEC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> plate the bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> put bottle in incubator</li></ul>
<b>Yellowknife Clinics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Order, collect and receive bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Put bottle in BACTEC</li><li>➤ Leave req. on micro bench</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> plate the bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> put bottle in incubator</li></ul>
<b>Community Health Centres</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Order, collect and receive bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Put bottle in BACTEC</li><li>➤ Leave req. on micro bench</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> plate the bottle in LIS</li><li>➤ Do <b>NOT</b> put bottle in incubator</li></ul>

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