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Where Do I Put Microbiology Samples?:

Room Temperature (Black Bucket)	Refrigerator (Yellow Bucket)
- All urine cultures in blue top containers	- Urine cultures in orange top containers
- All fluid samples	- All stool samples
- All C&S swabs (black, red, pink or orange top)	- All sputum samples
- Inuvik, Ft Smith or Hay River "Room Temperature" secondary pressure vessel	- All tip samples (will be in orange top container)
- All CSF culture samples should be planted by the core lab technologists after microbiology hours. CSF culture samples should never be placed in the refrigerator	- All UTM samples (red top with red liquid)
	- Inuvik, Ft Smith or Hay River "Refrigerated" secondary pressure vessel

NOTE:

- **All Blood Culture bottles should be ordered, collected and received and placed in the BACTEC. Blood culture orders should NEVER be plated in the LIS**
- **If this cannot be done, bottles should be placed in the BACTEC unordered. Blood culture bottles should never be placed in the refrigerator or incubator**

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