 Date: December 23, 2021

**Lab Alert**

**Blood Culture Receiving**

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| Effective Date: | Immediately |
| Test Affected: | Blood Cultures |
| Steripath Entry: | Lab staff are required to scan the Steripath barcode into the “SREQ” field when entering a blood culture. Enter a semi-colon and scan the barcode into the field. |
| Addition to Process: | If we DO NOT receive a Steripath container with a blood culture, processing staff will enter the following comment in that field:  **NSPR = No Steripath Received**  **AT WOMC: C**ontact the ED Charge RN via vocera and tell him/her that you received a blood culture without a Steripath package.   * Dial 6600 * Say “ED CHARGE NURSE” |
| Why is this Important? | ED staff are required to use the Steripath when collecting blood cultures. This helps reduce our rate of contaminated blood cultures. Steripath requires that we track the use and report to them. We need to ensure that lab staff are entering the barcode when the Steripath package is received with a blood culture. |