**BLOOD CULTURE VOLUME MONITORING**

**It is imperative to add an adequate amount of blood into blood culture bottles to ensure quality patient care.**

**Recommended VOLUME and NUMBERS OF CULTURES:**

1. Neonates to 1 year: 0.5 to 1.5 ml, although at least 1.0 ml is preferred.
2. Children 1 to 6 years old: 1ml per year of age, divided between two blood cultures. (For example, for a 3-year-old, draw 1.5 ml from each of two sites for a total of 3.0 ml of blood.)
3. Children weighing 30 to 80 lb: 10 to 20 ml, divided between two blood cultures
4. Adults and children weighing >80 lb: 30 to 40 ml, divided between two blood cultures. (Each blood culture is a set of 2 bottles, so two sets of blood cultures – 4 bottles - would contain 10 ml of blood in each of the four bottles collected.)

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