

# BLOOD CULTURE

## Recommended Fill Volumes for Needle and Syringe Draw

- Children: 0.5 to 5 mL of blood per venipuncture. Transfer the entire amount to a **BACTEC™ PEDS PLUS/F** vial. (Pink label)
- Adult: 16 to 20 mL of blood per venipuncture. If it is impossible to draw the required amount, aliquot as follows:

Venipuncture	Amount in BACTEC Plus Aerobic Vial (silver label)	Amount in BACTEC Lytic/10 Anaerobic Vial (purple label)
16-20mL	Split equally between aerobic and anaerobic vials	
13-16mL	8mL	5-8mL
10-12mL	5-7mL	5mL
5-9mL	Entire blood amount	0mL

