BLOOD CULTURE COLLECTION: WINGED SET (RECOMMENDED METHOD)

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→ Do not use damaged or expired bottles.
→ Remove the “flip-cap”. Disinfect & allow to air dry.
→ Collect 2-3 sets.
→ 10 mL of blood per bottle for an adult.
→ Volume based on weight for pediatric patients.**
→ Transport to the laboratory as quickly as possible.

CHECKLIST FOR WINGED COLLECTION SET

☐ Approved skin disinfectant
☐ Blood culture set (ideally 2 to 3 sets; 1 set = 1 aerobic bottle + 1 anaerobic bottle)
☐ Winged collection set
☐ Blood collection tubes (if blood is needed for other laboratory tests)
☐ Blood collection tube adaptor (if required)
☐ Gloves
☐ Disposable underpad
☐ Tourniquet
☐ Gauze pads
☐ Bandage
☐ Waste collection container
☐ Pen to record collection date, time, and collection site

NOTE: If other blood tests are required, always collect blood cultures first.