

## Blood Culture for Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB)

Order Name: **C BLOOD AF**  
 Test Number: 6000120  
 Revision Date: 09/17/2018

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Blood Culture for Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB)	Culture	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	5 mL (3)	See Instructions	Bactec Myco/F Lytic Blood Culture Bottle (Red)	Room Temperature
Instructions	<p><b>Container Preparation:</b> Bottle top(s) must be cleaned with alcohol prior to addition of specimen.</p> <p><b>Specimen Collection:</b> Clean venipuncture site with Betadine or ChloroPrep, and allow the site to air dry. Avoid palpating vein after cleansing step, use aseptic technique. Short draws should be avoided. Aseptically dispensing the recommended volume of blood is essential for optimal pathogen recovery.</p>			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	42 Days
Clinical Use	Detects mycobacteria in blood specimens.
CPT Code(s)	87116
Lab Section	Microbiology