

TEST CHANGE**Brucella Culture**

0060159, MC BRUC

Specimen Requirements:**Patient Preparation:**

Collect: Blood in [blood culture](#) sterile SPS Vacutainer tube for [microbiology](#) (ARUP Supply #24964) or BACT/ALERT Blood Culture bottles. [BioMerieux Aerobic and Anaerobic blood bottles \(items #33626 and #48213 are available\)](#) Available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect(TM) or contact ARUP Client Services at 800-522-2787. OR abscess, aspirate, body fluid, CSF, or tissues.

Specimen Preparation: Adult Blood: Transport 8-10 mL whole blood.
Pediatric Blood: Transport 4 mL whole blood.
Abscess, Aspirate, Body Fluid, CSF: Transfer to a sterile container. Place each specimen in an individually sealed bag.
Tissue: Transfer tissue to a sterile container and place on gauze moistened with sterile nonbacteriostatic saline to prevent drying.
*Low volume will result in decreased recovery of pathogens.

Transport Temperature: Room temperature.

Unacceptable Conditions: Swabs. Clotted blood specimens.

Remarks: Specimen source preferred.

Stability: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable

Methodology: Culture / Culture

Note: An additional fee will be added to blood specimens for confirming a negative result.

CPT Codes: 87081; Identification CPT codes may vary based on method

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:**Reference Interval:**

[Culture negative for Brucella species.](#)

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