

Blood Culture (BC) Skin Prep & Volumes

Skin or Injection Cap Prep for BC:

- Injection cap – scrub with alcohol for 15 seconds/let dry.
- Skin – scrub with alcohol pad; then CHG Sepp® for 30 seconds and let dry (minimum 30 – 60 seconds).

One BC Order is:

- If < 8 kg, a BC order is **1 set** = prescribed volume divided into 2 bottles **fs**
Repeat within 48 hours if positive for skin contamination **ss**
- If > kg, a BC order is **2 sets** – prescribed volume divided into 4 bottles **fs/ss**

Collection of BC with Central Line:

- Obtain blood from central line & peripheral site first
- **IF** peripheral not available, use another central line
- **IF** no other line available, use another lumen from central line
- **IF** only one lumen, get another blood sample starting with a new access (repeat prep & use new syringe)

Collection of BC without Central Line:

- Obtain two separate venipunctures.