Sepsis, severe sepsis, and septic shock are increasingly common conditions and one of the most frequent causes of death in the intensive care unit. With 28–50% of sepsis patients dying within the first month of diagnosis, mortality rates remain unacceptably high.

Also alarming is the enormous impact of sepsis on health economy and resources with annual costs of €7.6 billion in Europe. Therefore, every effort should be taken to stop the devastating impact of sepsis on patients, their families, healthcare workers and health systems.

There are several key interventions in the fight against sepsis, amongst them are:

- Prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAI)
- Optimal supportive care including antibiotic stewardship, in particular a rapid and appropriate antimicrobial therapy followed – if needed – with a subsequent de-escalation (antibiotic stewardship)
- Rapid and accurate blood culture diagnosis which is the gold standard for the microbiological diagnosis of sepsis.

Evidence-based blood culture testing is of utmost importance for patients with suspected sepsis. Knowledge of the causing bacteria or fungi and their susceptibility against antimicrobials enables the clinician to initiate an appropriate antimicrobial therapy. This has been shown to reduce mortality, ICU-stay and antibiotic overuse.

For almost half a century, we at BD have been committed to take a leading role in blood culture technology, instrumentation and media. We continue to provide your laboratory with new solutions to strengthen the speed and quality of your blood culture diagnostics, and taking into account the ever growing requirement of cost effectiveness.
A properly collected specimen is the basis of reliable diagnostics.

BD Best Practices
Quality First: Optimal Solutions for Reliable Diagnostics

GOAL
Better patient care

POST-ANALYTICS
Fast results communication & management

ANALYTICS
Reliable diagnostic procedures

PRE-ANALYTICS
Optimal specimen collection & transport
Blood cultures are the most important evidence-based microbiological testing method in intensive care medicine. However, whereas microbiological laboratory practice has been highly standardized, shortfalls in the pre-analytic procedures have a significant effect on the diagnostic yield.

Poorly collected specimens will not only yield poor diagnostic results, they also generate significant unnecessary costs. For example, blood culture contamination is common, accounting for up to 50% of positive blood cultures. Blood culture contamination leads to unnecessary therapy, prolonged stay and additional costs (> 3,300 €/episode). High-quality blood culture collection can be achieved through use of guideline-based, proper sampling techniques and continuous medical staff education.

BD, the leader in blood collection and pre-analytics for the last 60 years, is proud to launch a unique web-based program on best practices in blood culture collection.
The BD E-Learning tool …

• ... is designed to give clinicians, nurses, and medical students guidance and recommendations on the optimal guideline-based* collection of blood cultures in order to ensure accurate and clinically relevant results, thereby helping to provide appropriate patient treatment.

• ... rapidly provides information on the clinical relevance and diagnostic value of blood cultures.

• ... confirms and documents the gained knowledge through a final assessment.

In addition, BD offers its vast pre-analytical expertise and leading solutions in blood collection at on-site trainings. Contact BD and ask us for our support!

Stop Sepsis – Start with Best Practices in Blood Culturing.

* 1st revision of the S-2k guidelines of the German Sepsis Society (GMS German Medical Science 2010, Vol. 8, ISSN 1612–3174); Surviving Sepsis Campaign; Baron et al. Blood Cultures IV, CUMITECH. ASM Press 2005
Optimal blood fill volumes critically determine the diagnostic yield of your blood cultures. Each ml of blood, up to 10 ml, can increase the sensitivity of the blood culture by 3–5%. While overfilling of bottles may cause false-positivity, underfilling reduces the sensitivity of blood cultures.

Laboratories should routinely monitor the volume of blood cultured as a quality assurance activity and provide feedback to clinical staff to insure an adequate volume of blood is drawn for blood culturing.

However, manual blood volume monitoring is time consuming and tedious, therefore not commonly done.

More or less really matters.
BD now offers you the BD BACTEC™ Blood Volume Monitoring which is a new and unique tool on BD EpiCenter™ (V6.0) in conjunction with BD BACTEC™ FX.

Using highly sensitive algorithms, the BD BACTEC™ Blood Volume Monitoring concept is based on the ability to derive the starting volume of blood in a sample by measuring the initial background signal from the blood culture bottle. Blood volume data is available for negative bottles that complete protocol and viewed in aggregate (N = 25).

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**Figure A:** Box plot by expressed as a mean with quartile box 25%–75%. X-axis data to be displayed by client ID, hospital service, collected by, specimen type, body site or ungrouped sample.

**Figure B:** Plot of mean data over time with a 95% Confidence Interval. X-axis illustrates time intervals. Time interval scale in weeks, months, quarters, years can be selected from the report selection criteria entry screen.

Optimal blood fill volumes matter. Now you can automatically monitor blood volumes collected in your BD BACTEC™ blood cultures.
Recent studies have shown that placing a continuously monitoring blood culture system outside the laboratory allows immediate incubation of blood culture bottles collected at odd hours. This results in significantly reduced turnaround times which allows significantly earlier changes in antibiotic therapy.

To optimize the clinical use of blood culture results, the interval between the collection of blood and the entry of the bottles into an automated blood culture system should be kept to a minimum.

Published guidelines recommend that this interval should not be longer than 2 or 16 hours in the US and Germany, respectively.

However, because of off-site collection or restricted lab operating hours, there may be a substantial delay between blood culture inoculation and entry into the instrument.

How much are your blood cultures delayed?

- Recent studies have shown that placing a continuously monitoring blood culture system outside the laboratory allows immediate incubation of blood culture bottles collected at odd hours. This results in significantly reduced turnaround times which allows significantly earlier changes in antibiotic therapy.
Using the power of the BD EpiCenter™ client-server network system, multiple BD BACTEC™ FX Blood Culture Systems can be controlled via a high speed Local Area Network (LAN), no matter where they are located within a hospital. This allows BD BACTEC™ FX systems to reside in multiple locations (e.g., ICU and micro lab) within a medical center while the data can be accessed from any connected BD EpiCenter™ station (satellite blood culturing).

Positive blood cultures can be safely transported from satellite blood culture systems to the microbiology lab using UN 3373 compliant BD BACTEC™ SafePods.

Satellite Blood Culturing for prompt incubation and faster time to detection.
What occurs when the two global leaders in clinical microbiology systems collaborate as one?

The best performing team in the analysis of blood stream infections!
Clinical Responsiveness
with Lab Efficiency.

The new BD Bruker Microbiology System will transform the way your lab works. Now you can complete complex microbial identification in a matter of minutes, not hours or days, speeding results for improved patient care and lab workflow.

What’s more, the System delivers these rapid results along with a high degree of accuracy and efficiency. For clinical laboratories seeking higher standards of quality, productivity, and cost effectiveness, BD Bruker Microbiology System offers an highly competitive edge in attaining these benchmarks.

FOR THE LABORATORY:
• High level of clinical responsiveness through rapid identification and accurate detection of positive blood cultures
• Great workflow efficiency and safety through systems integration
• Cost effectiveness

FOR THE HOSPITAL:
• Better patient care
• Better antibiotic stewardship through significantly faster identification of causative micro-organisms
• Improved health and economic outcomes

FOR THE PATIENT:
• Better care

Uncompromising Innovation.
Unmatched Experience.

The BD Bruker Microbiology System is the perfect synthesis of Bruker’s industry-leading innovation in mass spectrometry and BD Diagnostic’s unsurpassed experience in the field of clinical microbiology systems. Together, these two leaders have created a new technology paradigm in the industry – a total, end-to-end systems solution that integrates advanced microbial identification, best-in-class antimicrobial susceptibility testing and a robust data management system into a single seamless workflow.

The overall systems integration of the Bruker MALDI Biotyper, BD BACTEC™ and Phoenix™ through BD EpiCenter™ enables a highly efficient workflow with rapid and accurate results for microbiology laboratories.

A revolutionary advance in blood culture diagnostics – and the promise of better patient care.
Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) initiated a revolution in the direct identification of micro-organisms from positive blood cultures. It has been shown in numerous recent studies that the combination of BD BACTEC™ blood culture media and the Bruker MALDI Biotyper microbial ID systems yields accurate identification in > 80% of cases, outperforming blood culture media from other manufacturers.

The BD Bruker Microbiology System comprises the MALDI Biotyper – BD EpiCenter™ software integration to optimize workflows for rapid MALDI Biotyper pathogen identification directly on positive blood cultures from the leading BD BACTEC™ blood culture system. This rapid blood culture-to-ID workflow is supported by Bruker’s new MALDI Sepsityper Kit*, which allows the accurate analysis of blood-borne micro-organisms within just 20 minutes.

**Result Overview**

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**BD BRUKER Microbiology System**

**Ultimate Speed: Revolutionizing Blood Culture Diagnostics**

- Simple system integration and efficient workflow
- Maximum efficiency – fast, robust, reliable, bench-top MALDI-TOF MS
- Rapid, safe, and simple sample preparation
- Cost efficient
The BD EpiCenter™ data management system is a UNIQUE solution for microbiology laboratories:

- to efficiently communicate and
- track all the information needed by
- every professional involved in infection management and
- patient treatment.

BD EpiCenter™: Improving efficiency and patient care via real-time communication.
Proven high performing BD BACTEC™ media in plastic.

Smaller size and in plastic!

We will reduce the size and weight, but not the performance.
As the worldwide leader in safety-engineered medical devices, BD has designed its BD BACTEC™ blood culture bottles to be fully compatible with the widely available BD Vacutainer™ safety blood collection systems, thus reducing the risk of contaminations and accidental needle-stick injuries during blood collection and sub-culturing.

**Integrated solutions for safety during blood collection**

- Split-second in-vein needle retraction with the unique BD Vacutainer™ Push Button Blood Collection Sets virtually eliminates the risk of needle-stick injuries
- Closed direct draw of blood with BD Vacutainer™ Blood Collection Systems helps to keep contamination rates down
- Safety-engineered needles, syringes and transfer devices for quantitative blood culture

**Integrated solutions for safety in the lab**

- Safety-engineered syringes and transfer devices for direct identification of positive vials by Bruker MALDI Biotyper and MALDI Sepsityper Kit®
- Safety-engineered sub-culturing unit fully compatible with BD BACTEC™ vials for the safe sub-culturing of instrument positive blood cultures

Choose unparalleled safe solutions for your blood culture diagnostics.

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