**GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE**

**SAMPLE COLLECTION**

**STERILE BLOOD - BLOOD CULTURE**

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**BEFORE COLLECTION**

- Train on procedure and safety
- Check requisition and patient ID
- Get supplies
  - Tourniquet - puncture device - tubes or bottles - disinfectant wipes - gauze - bandage - biohazard container
- Wash hands - put on gloves

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**COLLECTION**

- Apply tourniquet and select site
- Use peripheral veins (catheters may be contaminated)
- Clean site with disinfectant
- Swab in a circular motion from the center out
- Air dry before venipuncture
- Clean top of the tubes or bottles the same way
- After venipuncture, release tourniquet
- Collect blood culture first, then additional tubes if needed
- Remove needle - apply pressure with dry gauze pad
- Place entire puncture device in biohazard box
- Bandage puncture site
- Label samples with name, unique ID and DOB before leaving the patient

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**AFTER COLLECTION**

- Process, store or transport sample(s) as required by testing laboratory
- Remove gloves, dispose in biohazard waste and wash hands

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