

Lab Alert

Microbiology Media Shortage



Due to a nationwide shortage of microbiology culture media, our lab is currently experiencing a significant shortage of blood agar plates used for urine cultures.

While we work through the shortage, please help us conserve the limited supply by **avoiding urine cultures** when there are no urinary symptoms or other specific clinical indications. In particular, urine cultures are generally not indicated for cloudy or odorous urine or pyuria alone in an otherwise asymptomatic patient.

Please continue to order urine cultures when clinically indicated, including patients with appropriate urinary symptoms, unexplained fever/sepsis when a urinary source is being considered, pregnancy screening, or other specific indications.

This is a temporary measure while supplies are limited. We appreciate your help and will provide an update once the supply issue has been resolved.

Please contact the Microbiology Laboratory @4-4578 with any questions.