



METHOD OF COLLECTION

BLOOD CULTURE - BLOOD

! IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SAMPLES TO TAKE, THE BLOOD SAMPLE SHOULD ALWAYS BE TAKEN LAST.

MATERIAL

To perform the blood test, which must be carried out by a licensed healthcare professional trained in laboratory procedures, we provide the following tests according to the recommended analyses:



The aerobic and/or anaerobic blood culture bottle(s)

A sampling body

A compress



A needle

An alcohol wipe

A bandage



The blood tube(s) corresponding to the prescribed tests

- **BEFORE TAKING YOUR SAMPLES:** Please consult your doctor to see if your current treatment (medication, food supplement, etc.) should possibly be temporarily suspended.

IMPORTANT

The blood sample must be taken while fasting.

Blood culture bottles are always collected first (followed by blood tubes if necessary). Direct venipuncture is preferred. If an intravascular device is in place, blood cultures should be collected simultaneously from peripheral sites and then directly from the access site, with 8 to 10 ml of blood per bottle (optimal quantity) whenever possible.

To limit the risk of contamination, it is important to follow a specific order for collecting and filling the tubes:

- 1 serum (red tube)
- 2 citrate (blue tube)
- 3 EDTA (purple tube)
- 4 glucose (tube gris)
- 5 heparinized (green tube)

The number and type (color) of tubes are adapted according to the tests that have been prescribed for you.

Not all tests require all five types of tubes. If one of the colors is not present in the kit, the healthcare professional will proceed with the next available tube.

Note the patient information on the label of each tube: name, surname, date of birth.