

# CompuNet CONNECT

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## **BLOOD CULTURE BOTTLE UPDATE: CONSERVATION STRATEGIES LIFTED**

Blood culture bottle supplies have returned to pre-allocation levels, allowing CompuNet to lift conservation measures. Effective December 2nd, ordersets and preference lists will default to two blood culture sets for all orders.

Additionally, these best practices will remain in place:

- Blood cultures for non-neutropenic adult patients should follow initial guidance outlined in the Epic order.
- Blood cultures should only be collected with a provider's order.
- Blood culture bottles are for blood collection only and not other body fluids.
- For patients with elevated temperatures but no new infectious symptoms, wait one hour and retake the temperature to confirm persistent fever before obtaining blood cultures.

Thank you for your cooperation during the shortage. These measures support continued best practices in patient care.

## **GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Now until December 31, 2024, enjoy 20% off all CompuNet Direct Access Tests – no physician's order needed! Visit any CompuNet Patient Service Center to take advantage of this limited-time offer. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome. You can access your results in 1-2 days through CompuNet's My Labs Now portal. Learn more or schedule an appointment at [www.compunetlab.com/gift](http://www.compunetlab.com/gift).

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## SARS COV2 ANTIGEN (COVAGN) TEST DISCONTINUED AT PSCS

As of November 18, 2024, the SARS CoV2 Antigen (COVAGN) test is no longer available at our Patient Service Centers due to low demand. Patients seeking this test are encouraged to purchase an over-the-counter option. This type of testing at hospitals is unaffected and will continue as usual.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER: PROPER COLLECTION FOR URINE CULTURE AND URINALYSIS

To ensure the most accurate results for your patients, please remember to follow these steps when collecting samples for Urine Culture and Urinalysis:

1. Collect the Urine Culture First

- Use the straw collection device with the Gray Urine Culture Tube.
- Fill to the line on the tube label (required).

2. Collect the Urinalysis Sample

- Use the same straw to fill the Yellow or Red/Yellow Uri-Tube to its fill line.

3. Important Notes

- Both tubes must be sent for Urine Culture + Urinalysis or Reflex Testing.
- Underfilled tubes cannot be tested, and cup samples are a last resort.

Following these steps will help maintain sample integrity and ensure accurate testing. Thank you for your attention to this important process.



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR PATIENT SERVICE CENTER LOCATIONS

Scan the QR code for our 2024 holiday schedule for Patient Service Center locations for the remainder of the holiday season. Please share this information with individuals within your practice to ensure everyone is informed about our upcoming hours. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, feel free to reach out to us.

Happy Holidays!

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