



July 2024

On June 11 we issued a letter stating that we are experiencing shortages in plastic vials from our supplier that is limiting our ability to manufacture BD BACTEC™ blood culture media. We recognize the critical role of these products in patient care and are continuing to work closely with our supplier to improve output as quickly as possible. Based on this work, we expect improvements in supply in September 2024. For the latest information on our current supply status please visit BDBACTEC-update.com.

As an additional mitigation measure, we will be launching the BD BACTEC™ Lytic Anaerobic media in glass with availability beginning the first week of September. This product was previously discontinued in 2022 and is now being reintroduced as a short-term action that will improve overall product quantities. In parallel to the glass vial reintroduction, we will continue to produce plastic media at maximum capacity and will use a manual allocation strategy to optimize availability of all products.

Product details for media and accessories are listed below:

SKU	Description	Shelf Pack Size
442021	BD BACTEC™ Lytic/10 Anaerobic/F Culture Vials in plastic	50 EA
442265 (NEW)	BD BACTEC™ Lytic/10 Anaerobic/F Culture Vials in glass	50 EA
445771	BD BACTEC™ Bottle Holder	100 EA

Requested Actions:

1. Plan for the introduction of BD BACTEC™ Lytic/10 Anaerobic/F Culture vials in glass in the first week of September – including gathering necessary isolates and preparing staff for validation work
2. Place sample requests with your BD Account Executive immediately to ensure timely arrival of validation materials
3. Visit BDBACTEC-update.com for resources on verification protocols

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your BD Account Executive.

Thank you for your collaboration and continued support of the BD BACTEC™ platform through this challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Beddard".

Chris Beddard
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