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Dear Valued BD BACTEC™ Blood Culture System Users,

We continue to make strong progress in increasing BD BACTEC™ blood culture media availability. Distribution inventory levels have increased to pre-shortage levels on numerous blood culture media formulations (442020, 442022, 442024, 442027, 442794). This represents another meaningful step forward in increasing access to testing.

To accelerate rebuilding healthy inventory levels for BD BACTEC™ Plus Aerobic Media (442023), BD is shifting production of BD BACTEC™ Lytic Anaerobic Media in plastic (442021) more heavily to glass (442265). Due to this shift, you will experience a tightening of supply on BD BACTEC™ Lytic Anaerobic Media in plastic (442021); however, BD BACTEC™ Lytic Anaerobic media in glass is readily available for purchase through BD distribution partners or direct from BD. Additionally, BD BACTEC™ Bottle Holders are available to support glass vial adoption.

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

**Our goal remains to increase allocations and reduce the need for vial conservation. Your partnership in transitioning to glass in the short term will accelerate those efforts.**

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

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we navigate this challenge while ensuring that patient care remains our top priority.

Sincerely,

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

Chris Beddard  
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