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APPENDIX VII - Quality Control (QC) of the BacT/Alert System

Daily

When entering the “Blood culture Posted-No Iso” worklist, the LIS will prompt “QC pending: Would you like to bridge to QC?” Enter “Y”.

A. Incubator Temperature

- i) Enter each instrument temperature. Check the temperature first thing in the morning when it has stabilized for at least half an hour.
- ii) Swap zip diskette and enter “Done”.
- iii) Check the Bone Bank report to be sure all Bone Bank bloods have been edited to a maximum test time of 7 days.
- iv) Check the O/E Comment Report to look for orders from the previous day that may have comments that were missed when loaded. Look for requests for :
Brucella - bottle should be labeled “Brucella”.

Specific requests for Dimorphic fungi (e.g. Histoplasma, Blastomyces) – should be collected in an Isolator tube

SBE/IE, FUO/PUO – keep 21 days