Yeast

Always consider result to be significant.
Untreated candidaemia has reported mortality rates
of up to 60%.



Are central venous catheters or long-term vascular access devices in situ?



Assessment

NEWS2 score ≥7 →
request senior clinical
review



Repeat blood culture and give a stat dose of IV caspofungin 70mg.

If vascular access device in situ, take repeat peripheral blood cultures first, and then repeat blood cultures from the line, before giving IV caspofungin. Avoid line use if possible.

Document result, clinical review, and plan in notes.

All cases of candidaemia are followed up by a consultant microbiologist who will advise on further investigations and duration of treatment.