



Sampling for Suspected Vascular Access Device Infections



First: at least one set of **peripheral blood cultures**, containing 10ml of blood per bottle.
Taking more than one set improves pick up rates.

Immediately after the peripheral set(s):



At least one set of **line blood cultures**, containing 10ml of blood per bottle.
Taking more than one set improves pick up rates.

Use appropriate aseptic technique to take blood cultures.



If there is any erythema, crusting, or pus visible at the line exit site take a **charcoal swab (black handle)**.