

## 2 User Instructions

### 2.5 Blood Culture Collection Instructions

Please follow the following directions when collecting blood culture specimens:

1. Preferably to be taken before the patient starts an antibiotic.
2. Blue cap denotes aerobic bottle, purple cap anaerobic bottle.
3. Use both bottles for adults; use the blue bottle only for paediatrics.
4. Blood cultures collected out of hours should be sent to the laboratory immediately.
5. Blood cultures are inspected daily (including bank holidays and weekends) and clinical staff are notified of any positive findings.

