

10 COMMON MISTAKES IN BLOOD CULTURE TAKING

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Did not switch off the fan before procedure



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Did not perform hand hygiene before procedure and in between steps



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Did not disinfect trolley with disinfectant wipe



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Did not disinfect blood culture rubber septum cap with 70% isopropyl alcohol (alcohol pad)



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Did not wear STERILE GLOVES



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Did not disinfect puncture site with 2% Chlorhexidine in 70% alcohol



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Did not disinfect puncture site using circular motion from central to peripheral



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Did not wait for disinfectant to dry up before puncture



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Did not maintain aseptic technique during procedure



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Did not change needle prior to inoculation of blood culture bottle

