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Microbiological diagnosis of bacteraemia and fungaemia: blood cultures and molecular methods. 2017

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The aetiological diagnosis of bacteraemia and fungaemia is a priority in microbiology laboratories due to its enormous repercussions in managing patients with these pathologies. In addition, diagnostic speed, so important in current microbiology, has special relevance in these processes due to their severity. The current procedure is the third update to the Clinical Microbiology Procedures entitled “Blood cultures”, published in 1993. Since then, significant changes have occurred in the incidence and aetiology of bacteraemia and fungaemia, as well as in the detection methods. Therefore, it was considered necessary to perform a review and bring this procedure up to date, taking into account all these aspects.

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