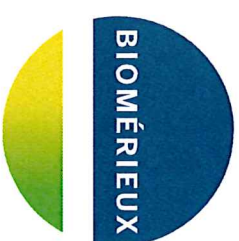


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How bioMérieux's BACT/ALERT® VIRTUO® System Can Improve Lab Workflow and Antimicrobial Stewardship

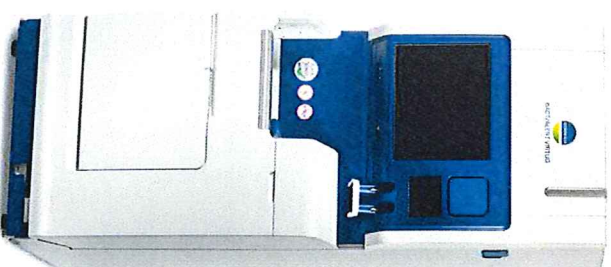
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Allison R. McMullen, PhD, D(ABMM)

*Assistant Professor of Pathology at Augusta University in Augusta, GA
Medical Director of the Clinical Microbiology Lab at AU Medical Center*



Blood cultures are one of the most important functions of the microbiology laboratory. They are used to confirm the presence of microorganisms in the blood, identify etiology and guide antimicrobial therapy. Delays in administering appropriate antimicrobial therapy in critically ill patients has been shown to increase patient mortality. New technologies, including RT-PCR and MALDI-TOF MS, have been developed to decrease the time to identification and susceptibility results for blood cultures. The bioMérieux BACT/ALERT VIRTUO features new technology to automate blood cultures and lead to a shorter time to detection. These changes allow for improved laboratory workflow and can aid in Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs.



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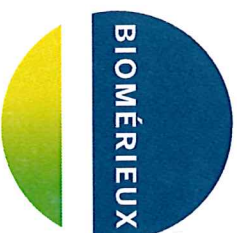
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MALDI-TOF: A New Hero in Town

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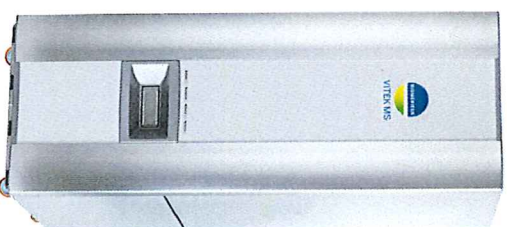
Beth Landry, BS MT(ASCP)

Microbiology Supervisor,

Touro Infirmary of LCMC Health in New Orleans, LA



This presentation highlights VITEK® MS MALDI-TOF technology in the role of providing rapid identifications to the pharmacy to help guide targeted antimicrobial therapy to facilitate positive patient outcomes. The presentation goes over the implementation steps taken by the Touro Infirmary Microbiology Department to help streamline their workflow for improved operational efficiency and the resulting cost saving benefits for both the laboratory and the hospital.



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