

**ADDENDUM: BLOOD CULTURE COLLECTION**  
**INFANTS LESS THAN 2 MONTHS OF AGE**

**PRINCIPLE:** Due to the current lack of FDA approval for use of the ChoraPrep Sepp applicator for disinfection of the skin of infants less than 2 months of age, blood cultures on these infants will be obtained using 2% Iodine Tincture for skin preparation.

**MATERIALS:** Peds Plus/F (pink cap) Bactec bottle  
70% alcohol preps  
2% Iodine Tincture (MediFlex Sepp 260261)  
Sterile syringe and needle  
Blood Transfer Device (Becton Dickinson 364880)

**SAMPLE REQUIRED:** See Blood Culture Collection procedure.

**PROCEDURE:** Follow the routine Blood Culture Collection procedure with the following exception:

Prepare venipuncture site:

- a. Cleanse area vigorously with 70% alcohol.
- b. Disinfect area with 2% Iodine Tincture.  
Note: If patient has known hypersensitivity to iodine, use double application of 70% alcohol instead of iodine.
  - 1) Start at the center of the chosen site and swab in increasingly wider concentric circles. **Allow to dry.**  
(If using povidone iodine instead of iodine tincture, wait 2 minutes.)
  - 2) Do NOT fan, blow on site, or wipe off iodine, as this may result in contamination of the blood culture.