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TO: UCSF PHYSICIANS AND NURSES

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RE: BLOOD CULTURE COLLECTIONS

Effective Aug. 18, ChloraPrep Single Swabstick (2 percent chlorhexidine gluconate and 70 percent isopropyl alcohol) will replace tincture of iodine as the disinfectant in the peripheral blood culture collection kits. Because use of ChloraPrep is contraindicated for patients with sensitivity to chlorhexidine products, the collection instructions in the kits include the procedure to follow when use of ChloraPrep is contraindicated.

NO CONTRAINDICATION -- For patients with no contraindication for use of chlorhexidine products, cleanse the venipuncture site with ChloraPrep Single Swabstick using a back and forth motion for **30 seconds**. Allow it to air dry.

NOTE**:** If skin is soiled, clean with 70 percent isopropyl alcohol before using ChloraPrep.

WITH CONTRAINDICATION -- For patients with a contraindication for use of chlorhexidine products**,** do not use ChloraPrep.

Follow this procedure: Clean skin of venipuncture site with **60-second** friction scrub of 70 percent isopropyl alcohol to a 5 cm circular area. Apply 10 percent PVP iodine to venipuncture site skin in a circular motion to a 5 cm area starting in the center. Allow it to air dry.

Following the venipuncture, remove residual iodine from patient's skin with 70 percent isopropyl alcohol. (Iodine is not included in the blood culture kits.)