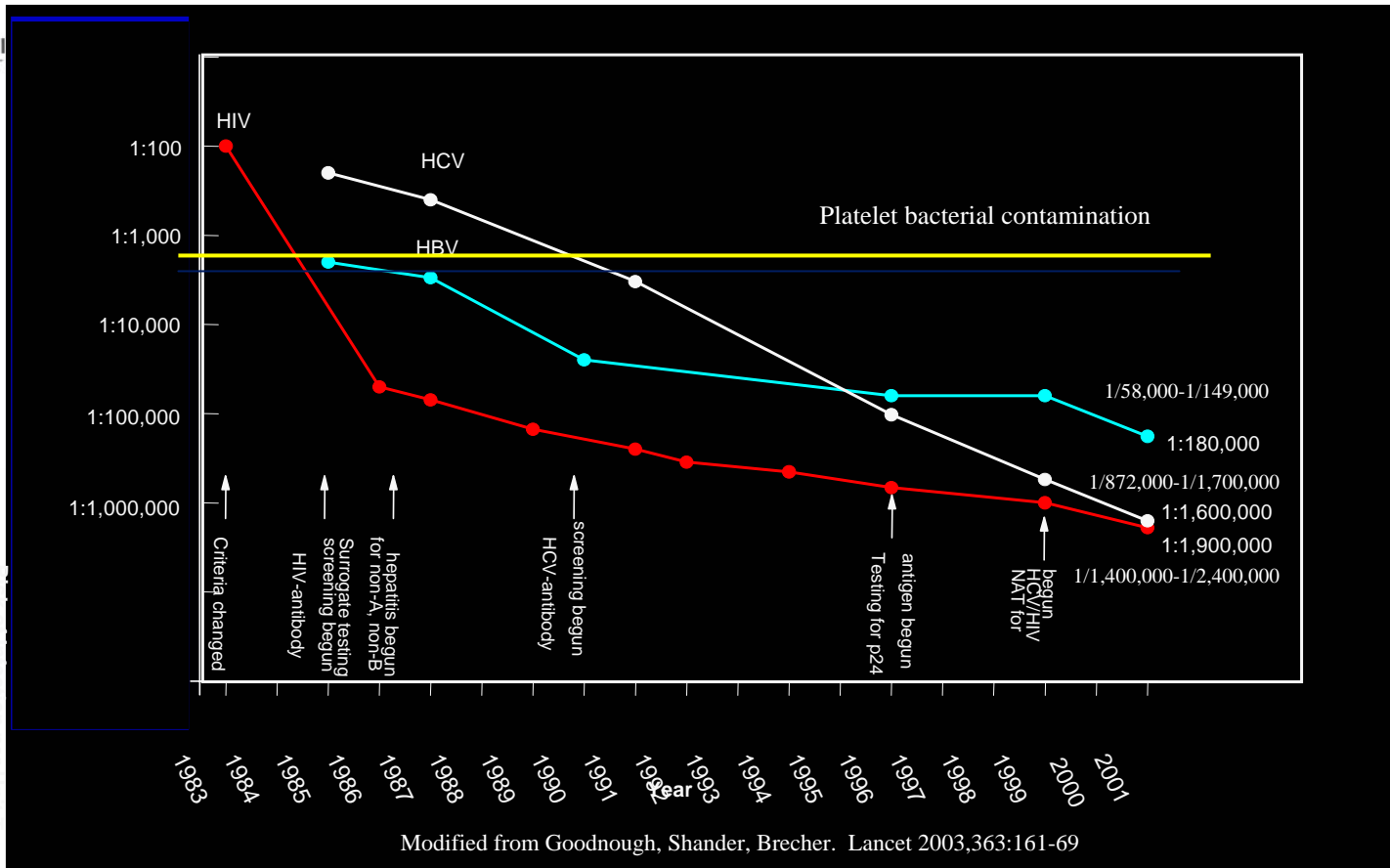




BacT/ALERT Microbial Detection System

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Platelet transfusions in the United States

4 million platelet bags transfused/year

**1:1000 - 1:2000 bacterially contaminated
(N = 2000 - 4000 bags)**

**1/10 to 2/5 result in clinical sepsis
(N = 200 - 1600 cases)**

**Perhaps 1/5 to 1/3 result in fatalities
(N = 40 - 533 deaths)**

or

(1:7,500 to 1:100,000 fatalities/unit)

BACT/ALERT 3D



Colorimetric Technology

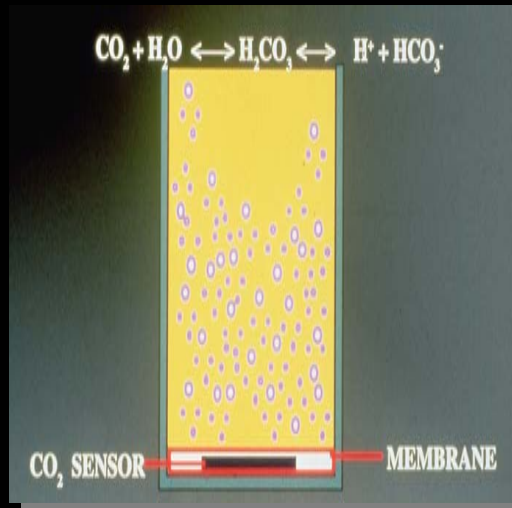
Growth chemistry

Organisms grow in media and produce CO₂

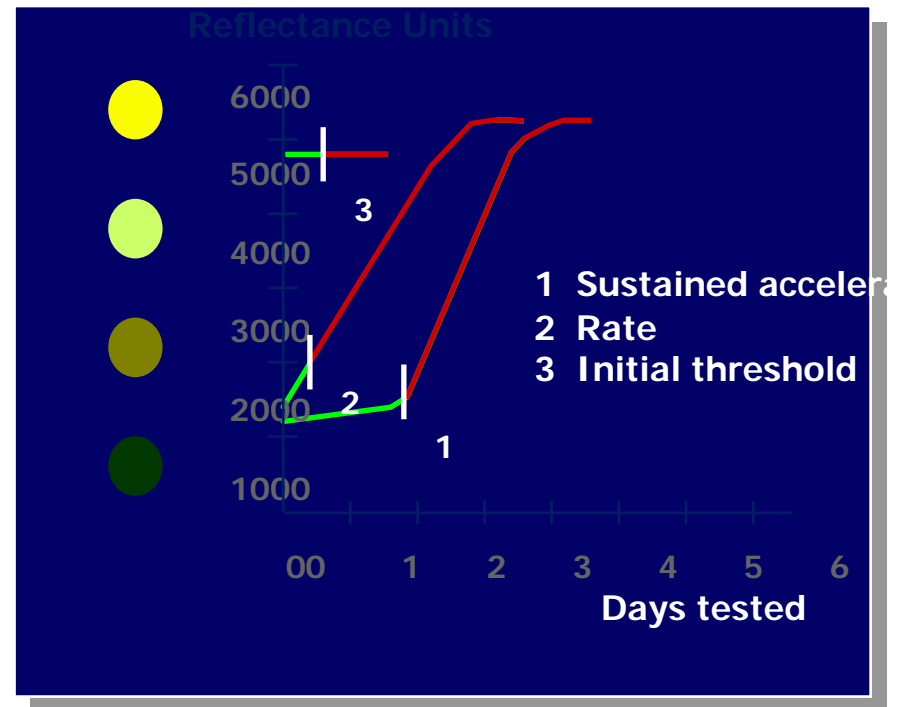
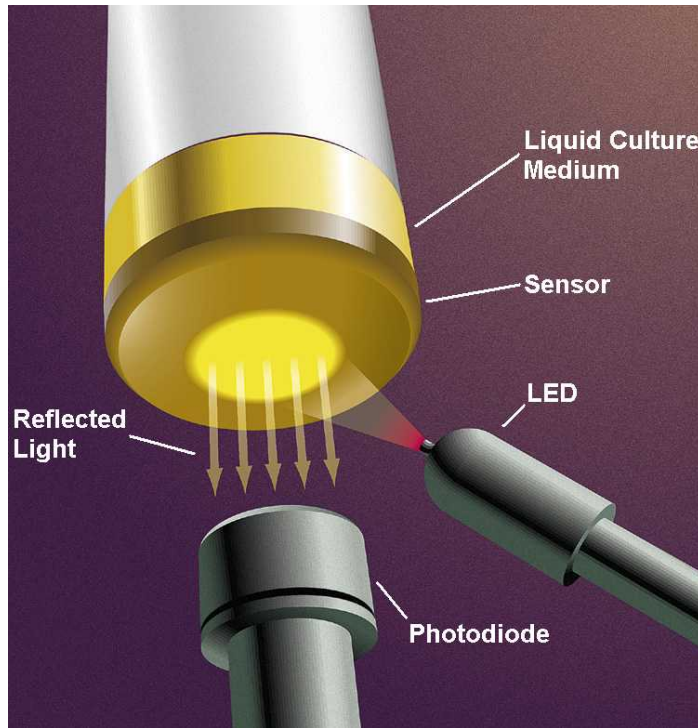
CO₂ traverses semi-permeable membrane

Sensor changes from

green to yellow



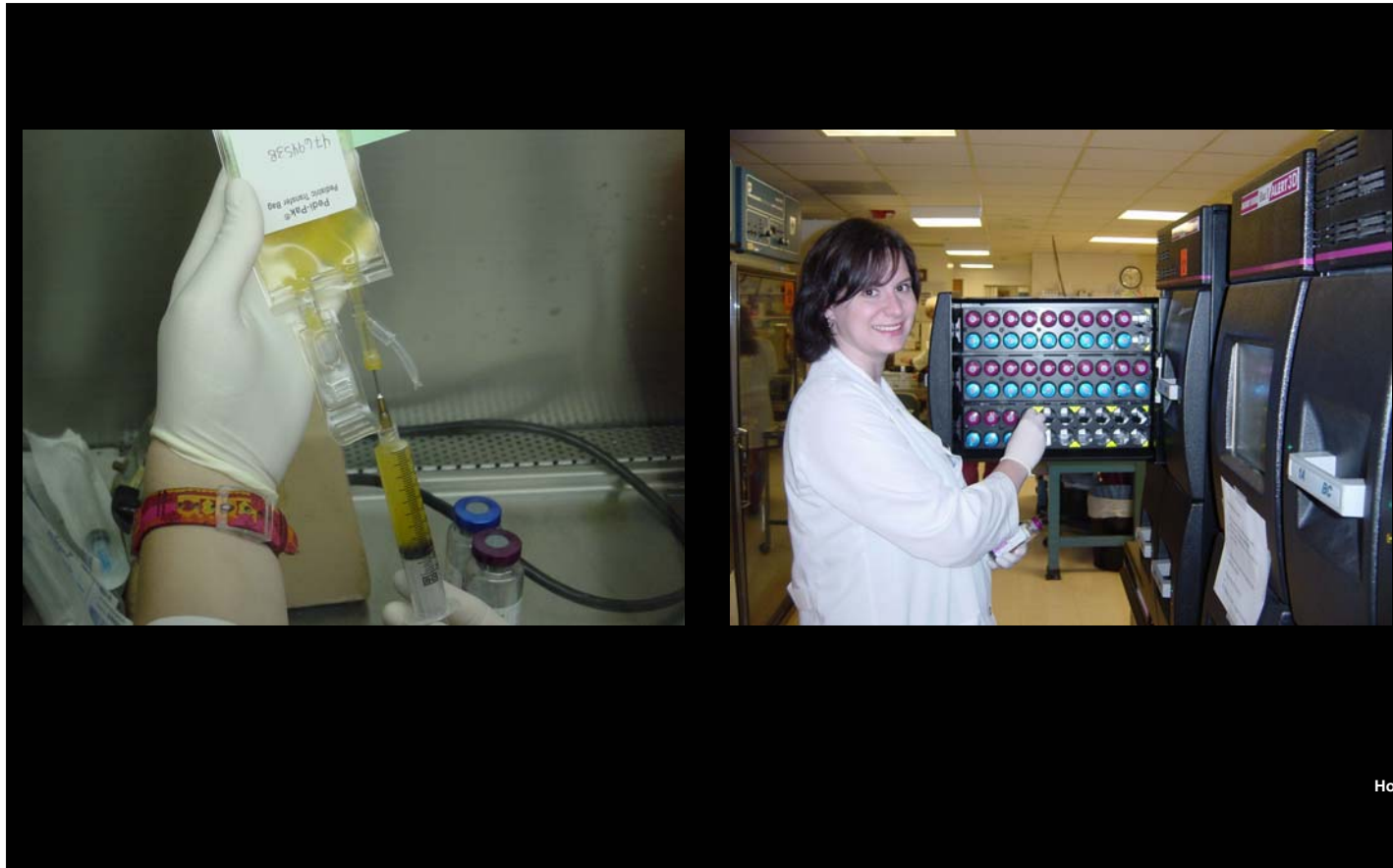
Schematic View of Detection



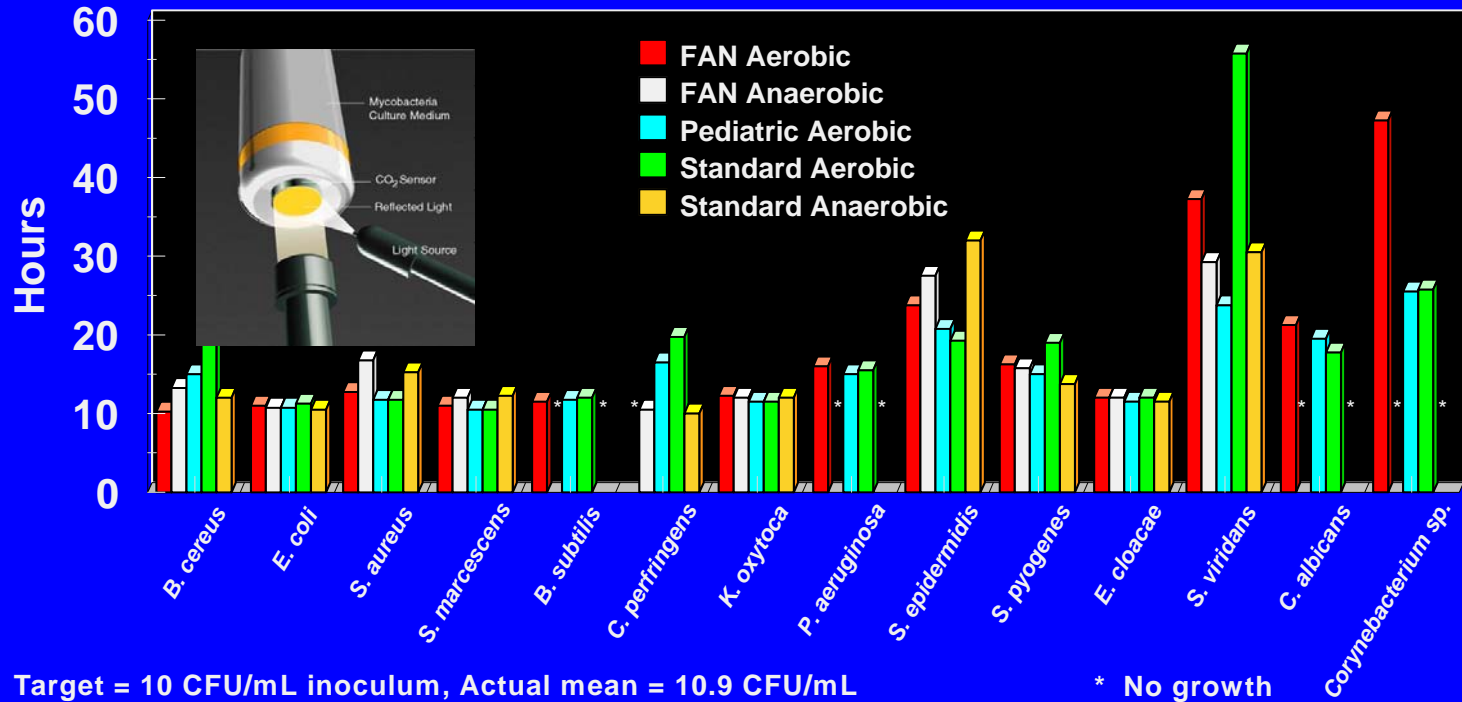
Sampling Devices



Sampling & Loading



Automated Culture (BacT/ 3D Alert)



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BacT/ALERT BPA culture bottles are used with the BacT/ALERT Microbial Detection Systems for quality control testing of leukocyte reduced

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single units of whole blood platelet concentrates (WBPC).

BPA culture bottles – aerobic bacteria

BacT/ALERT BPN culture bottles are used with the BacT/ALERT Microbial Detection Systems for quality control testing of leukocyte reduced

apheresis platelet (LRAP) units

single units of whole blood platelet concentrates (WBPC).

BPN culture bottles - anaerobic & facultative anaerobic bacteria.

BacT/ALERT Worldwide Placements for Platelet Testing

NORTH AMERICA=233*

Blood Bank 210

LATIN AMERICA= 35

Blood Bank 31

EUROPE = 131

Blood Bank 128

ASIA PACIFIC =40

Blood Bank 36

421 Systems Installed

Blood Bank : 386

***Does Not Include Hospital Blood Banks**

TRANSFUSION COMPLICATIONS

Monitoring of apheresis platelet bacterial contamination with an automated liquid culture system: a university experience

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BACKGROUND: With a million platelet apheresis units per year in the United States and with the current estimate of bacteria contamination in PLT units it would be expected that 2000 to 4000 bacterially contaminated units are transfused and associated with 333 to 1000 cases of clinical sepsis.

OBJECTIVE: Apheresis patients were sampled at Day 2 of storage (4th day) using a bag system (or before storage Day 0-4) using a sterile connection device (SCD) to attach a sampling bag to the apheresis unit's laminar flow hood bottles were inoculated and placed into an automated liquid culture system (BACT/ALERT 3D) Mental Select in System for 7 days.

RESULTS: A total of 2397 apheresis PLT units were sampled. A triple apheresis collection unit resulted within 24 hours of the Day 2 sampling (aerobic count) and the bags were removed from inventory. *Staphylococcus epidermidis* was identified in all three contaminated bags. Two double apheresis collections were found to be contaminated with *Enterobacteriaceae* as other kinds of organisms that had been transferred to four patients without discernible clinical sequelae. There was one false-positive aerobic bottle and one false-positive anaerobic result due to inadvertent contamination of a bottle. Thus, the overall false-positive rate was 7 of 2397 apheresis units with a true-positive rate to aerobic organisms of 0.13% as an overall false-positive rate of 3.17%. The false-positive rate was 0 out of 494 samplings (0.04%) or 0 out of 3500 bottles (0.29%).

CONCLUSION: This preliminary data suggests that the use of a SCD, aseptic technique, and a laminar flow hood is associated with a low rate of contamination. In no case did an issue (or outbreak) of bacterial contamination that was not detected by the Day 2 culture. Additional surveillance is necessary before we can conclude that a Day 2 storage culture is more protective of an issue (or outbreak) than culture. Substrate culture surveillance of PLTs would be expected to save time and may facilitate an outbreak in PLT storage.

Approximately 1 in 1000 to 1 in 2000 PLT units are bacterially contaminated.^{1,2} Sepsis after PLT transfusion is the most common cause of death associated with transfusion transmitted disease with 4 million PLTs transfused per year in the United States (1 million apheresis PLTs and 3 million whole-blood-derived PLT concentrates). It would be expected that 2000 to 4000 bacterially contaminated units would be transfused.³ Of these contaminated infusions perhaps 40% result in one patient or more, would be expected to result in clinical sepsis (333-1000 cases) and perhaps one-fifth to one-third would result in death (67-333 deaths/year).^{4,5} The transfuse to a fatal outcome from a bacterially contaminated PLT unit at between 1 in 19,000 and 1 in 60,000. The validity of these estimates is confirmed from direct observations from university hospitals. Stone et al.⁶ from Johns Hopkins reported a failure rate of 1 in 17,300 with pooled whole-blood-derived PLTs and 1 in 61,000 with single- donor apheresis PLTs. Similarly, the University Hospital of Carolina has observed a failure rate of approximately 1 in 30,000 with PLTs at the University of North Carolina, an academic center with annual bacterial deaths from a contaminated apheresis PLT in the last 10 years, associated with approximately 30,000 apheresis PLTs transfused.

We have previously validated an automated liquid culture system (BACT/ALERT 3D, Becton Dickinson, SC, USA) with a wide range of organisms known to con-

ABBREVIATIONS: SCD = sterile connection device.

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The true positive rate for aerobic organisms was 3/2397 (0.13% or 1/799 units) and 4/2397 (0.17% or 1/599 units) for anaerobic organisms. No positives detected with late culture alone.

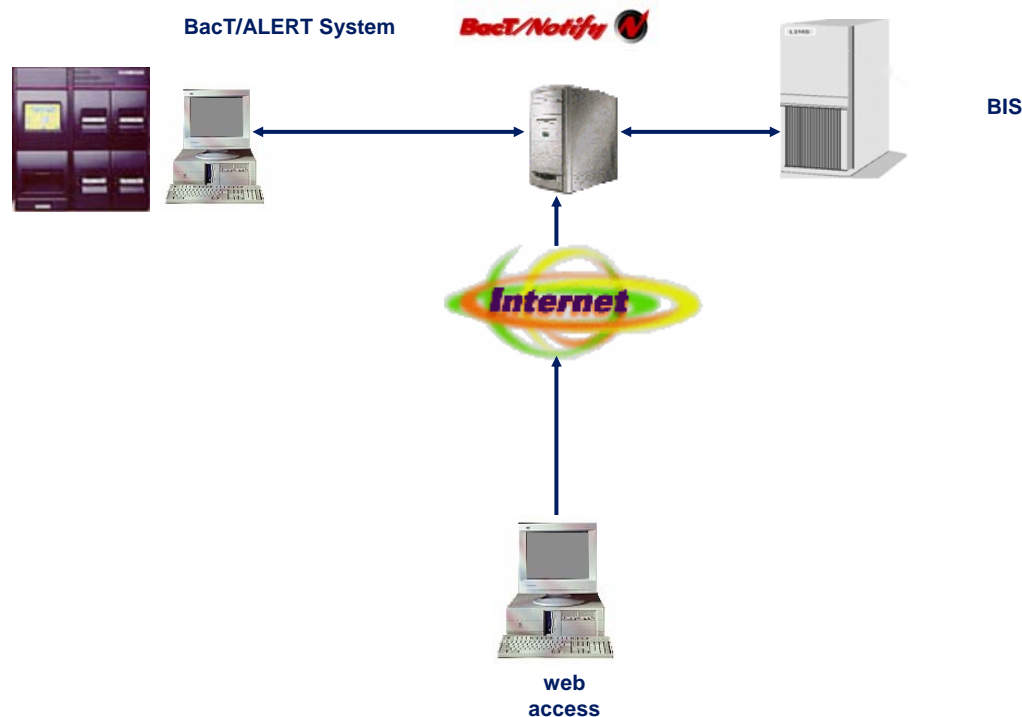
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Days to detection: 0.0	Bottle ID: SNB4C3C4
Bottle type: Bact/ALERT SA	Bottle status: Positive
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