



The standard of American Society of Microbiology for Blood Culture Contamination (BCC) rate is 3%” Larang et al (2015).

Reference:

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Abstract:

Blood cultures (BC) are considered the “gold standard” for diagnosis of an infection. A BC growing a “contaminant organism” is considered a false positive BC. This impacts not only on patient care – errors in clinical interpretation, unnecessary antibiotic use, superinfections, emergence of resistant strains but also on the length of stay, incidence of catheter-line associated blood stream infections, pharmacy, laboratory costs, and other diagnostic tests. The standard of American Society of Microbiology for Blood Culture Contamination (BCC) rate is 3%.

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