

**Date:** December 17, 2015  
**To:** North Zone (Athabasca, Boyle, Lac La Biche, Smoky Lake, Vilna, St. Paul, Elk Point, Bonnyville, Cold Lake) - All Physicians, Nursing Staff  
**From:** AHS Laboratory Services  
**Re:** Change in Anaerobic Transport Media

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### Key Messages:

- Due to an indefinite supply back order issue Port-o-Cul anaerobic transport media (Mediatech #3001730) has been replaced with Cary Blair Transport Media. See information below for specific instructions and storage requirements for Cary Blair Media. Please continue to use any existing supply of Port-o-Cul media, the new product will be automatically substituted on your next order.

### Action Required:

#### Recommended Procedure:

1. If the clinical specimen is collected with a swab, insert the swab into the upper third portion of the medium and aseptically, cut or break the protruding portion of the swab and recap the tube tightly.
2. If the clinical sample is solid in nature (i.e. tissue sample), immerse the sample fully in the medium and recap the tube tightly.
3. If the clinical sample is aspirated fluid, pierce the rubber septum with needle and gently inject sample into the tube.
4. Label the tube as per AHS specimen acceptance policy.
5. Transport the specimen tube to the laboratory as soon as possible for processing.

#### Precautions:

A small tinge of blue may be observed at the top of the tube indicating a minute amount of oxygen is present in the tube. This is normal and in no way affects the performance of the medium. If the blue coloration exceeds ¼ inch discard the tube and contact laboratory stores for replacement.

#### Storage and Shelf Life:

Our Cary-Blair Transport Medium should be stored at room temperature in an upright position and protected from light. Under these conditions this medium has a shelf life of 52 weeks from the date of manufacture.

#### Reference:

DALYNN Biologicals  
Cary-Blair Transport Medium  
Catalogue No. AN280  
Catalogue No. TC35



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New Cary-Blair Media

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