

## TRANSPORT MEDIA

USE FOR	MEDIA	DESCRIPTION	PRE-SPECIMEN COLLECTION STORAGE	POST-SPECIMEN COLLECTION TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS
Anaerobic organisms	Cary-Blair (anaerobic) Transport media	Opaque media	Room temperature	Room temperature
Sensitive pathogens and most cervical and urethral specimens	Charcoal Transport media	Black swab	Room temperature	Room temperature
Isolation or detection of respiratory viruses, mycoplasma or ureaplasma	Universal Transport Medium-(UTM)	Clear pink	Room temperature	Refrigerate at 4°C
Acanthamoeba – available only on request	Page’s Saline	Clear	Refrigerate at 4°C	Room temperature
Collection of routine swabs for culture and sensitivity	Plain (routine) Transport media	Clear swab	Room temperature	Refrigerate at 4°C
Pertussis investigation	Regan-Lowe Transport media	Black	Refrigerate at 4°C	Refrigerate at 4° C if transport to the Laboratory is to be delayed
Bronchoscopy brush collection	Todd Hewitt Broth (1 ml)	Straw colour	Refrigerate at 4°C	Room temperature

For access to transport media, contact the Packing Area (Calgary) at 403-944-2583 or the Distribution Centre (Edmonton) at 780-407-8971.

**NOTE:** Expiry dates are indicated on each vial. Do not use after expiry date. Specimens submitted in expired transport media will **NOT** be processed.