

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: October 31, 2005
Re: New Viral Transport Media

AML has been notified by ViroMed that they will be transitioning from their current red cap M4-RT and blue capped M4 Transport Media (Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma) to one Universal Transport Media (UTM-RT) that can be used for collection of Virus, Chlamydia, Mycoplasma and Ureaplasma culture specimens. As our current supplies of the room temperature M4-RT and refrigerated M4 are exhausted, we will begin to issue the new product.

UTM-RT comes in a purple capped tube and can be stored at *room temperature prior to use*.

Specimen Collection and Handling:

Swabs: Place swab into medium and break off shaft.

***Two standard size swabs with a molded breakpoint, are included with each tube of UTM-RT. This unique breakpoint enables safe, reliable break off and deposit of swabs into the transport tubes. If mini-tipped swabs are desired, they will need to be ordered as a separate item.

Tissue/Scrapings: Place a small portion into the medium

Once the medium has been inoculated with specimen, it should be stored and transported at refrigerated temperatures.

The AML on-line Supply Catalog and the AML Microbiology & Virology Resource are being updated to reflect these changes.

If you have any question about this new product, please contact your AML Account Representative.