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Universal Viral Transport (UVT) Media Replaces M4 and M4RT

WHAT'S NEW

BD Universal Viral Transport Media (UVT) with flocked swabs are now provided to collect and transport samples to detect Viruses (including influenza), Chlamydia, HSV, VZV, Mycoplasma and Ureaplasma. The UVT will replace both the M4 and M4RT media. UVT will also be used for bacterial PCR test collection, i.e., *Bordetella pertussis*.

BENEFITS

- Improved alternative to polyester (Dacron) tipped M4RT swabs — the nylon strands of the new UVT flocked swabs use capillary action to absorb and elute the entire sample into liquid medium.
- Increased collection amounts of cellular material which improves the sensitivity of testing by culture, antigen testing, PCR and DFA.
- Permits greater multi-organism transport with the additional collection of Mycoplasma and Ureaplasma over M4RT and offers improved tolerance to transport temperature.
- Consolidates and simplifies the number of swabs needed for collection.

METHODOLOGY

- UVT collection kits contain one vial with 3 mL of UVT medium and 2 sterile flocked swabs (1 regular and 1 flexible mini-tip for nasopharyngeal and male urethral collections — see back page photo). Store UVT ambient prior to use.

- Future requests for M4 and M4RT transport media and Dacron swabs will be fulfilled with UVT and flocked swabs.
- Specimens collected using M4 and M4RT media will continue to be accepted.

HOW TO COLLECT A SPECIMEN USING FLOCKED SWABS IN UVT

1. Swab collection site to obtain an adequate sample of cellular material. *Do not bend nylon flocked swabs prior to specimen collection.*
2. Aseptically remove the cap from the vial.
3. Insert and swirl swab in the medium.
4. Break off swab shaft by bending it against the vial wall evenly at the pre-scored line.
5. For aspirates, place ≤ 3 mL of fluid in the vial.
6. Replace the cap securely to prevent leakage during transport.
7. Label the swab vial with the appropriate patient information.
8. Indicate the source of the specimen on the requisition.
9. Place the swab vial in an individual specimen bag with the requisition.
10. Transport the inoculated specimen at temperature indicated per specific collection criteria.

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ALERT

Universal Viral Transport (UVT) Media (continued)

HOW TO ORDER

Contact your sales representative or order online at peacehealthlabs.org (select “Supplies” from right-hand menu), item #115528.

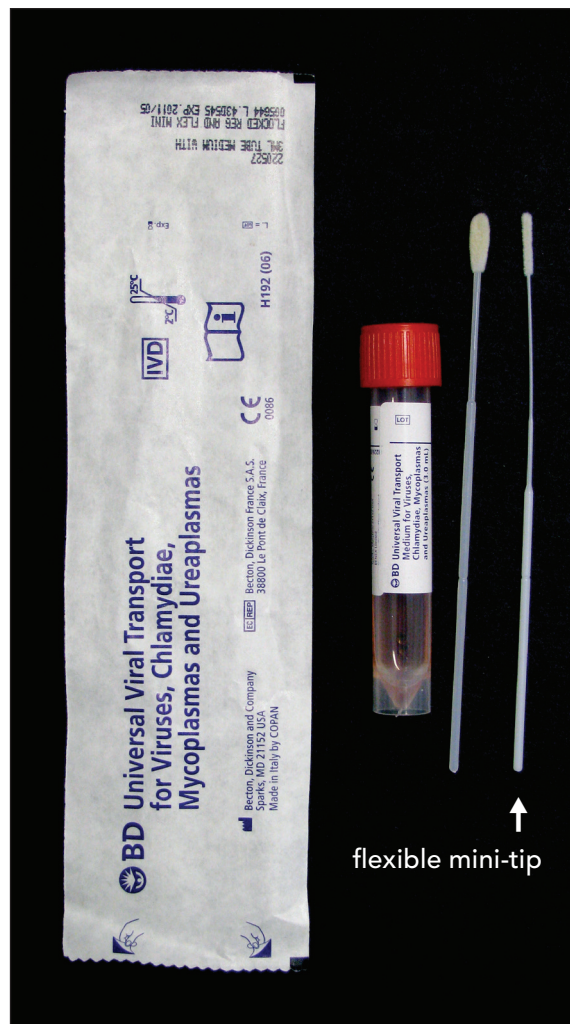
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