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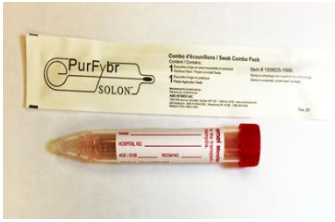

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SUBJECT: Change in viral transport media from Micro Test™ M4RT® Transport to **BD Universal Viral Transport**

The transport media used in specimen collection for viral, chlamydial, mycoplasma and ureaplasma testing will be changed within the next few months. The Micro Test™ M4RT®, M4® and M6™ Transport will be replaced with the **BD Universal Viral Transport**.

The products differ in the storage temperature, which is highlighted in bold in the following table.

Product	Product Description	Clinical Specimens	Product Storage	Transport
Micro Test™ M4RT® M4® & M6™ Transport (OLD MEDIA)		Viruses Chlamydia Mycoplasma Ureaplasma	2 - 30°C	Refrigeration at 2-8°C or kept on wet ice for maximum viability. If there is a long delay, ship frozen -70°C on dry ice.
BD Universal Viral Transport (NEW MEDIA)		Viruses Chlamydia Mycoplasma Ureaplasma	2 - 25°C	Refrigeration at 2-8°C or kept on wet ice for maximum viability. If there is a long delay, ship frozen -70°C on dry ice.

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