



## Check Transport Media: Upon Receipt and Prior to Use

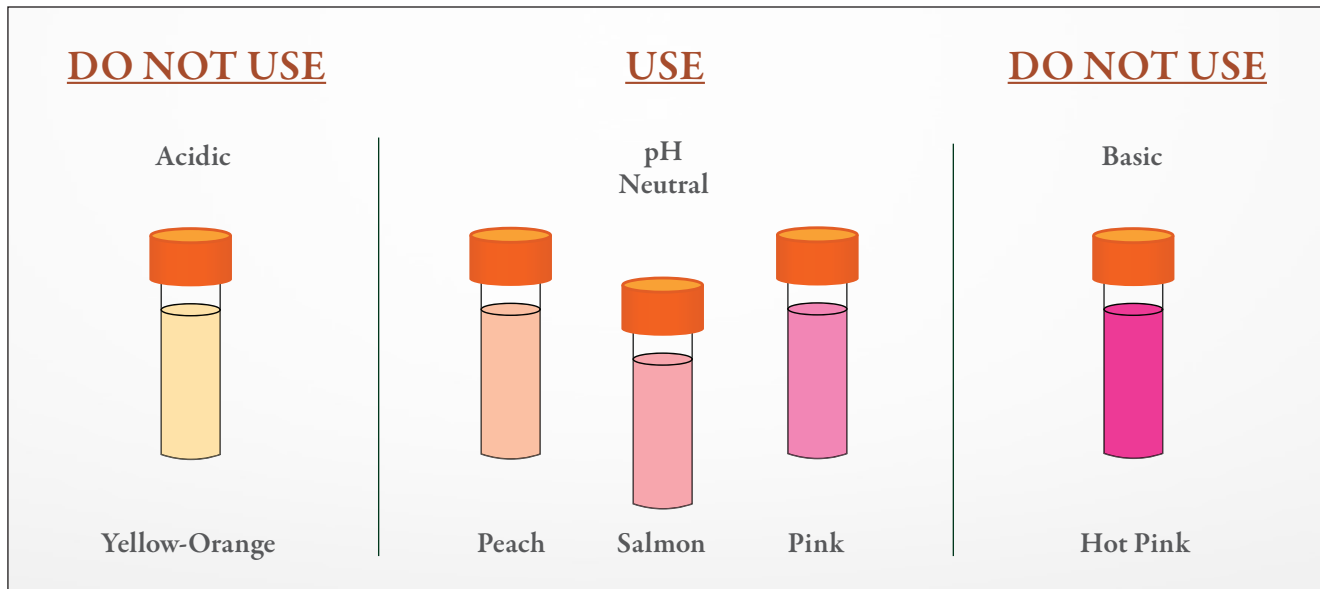
Molecular Pathology Laboratory Network, Inc. (MPLN) provides transport media for several different specimen types, which include, but are not limited to, lymph node and other soft tissue biopsies, bone marrow core biopsies, fine needle aspirates and products of conception.

The transport media provided by MPLN has been formulated to maintain cellular viability and prevent bacterial growth.

Upon receipt, please examine this media prior to storage and again prior to use. The media should be clear, sediment-free and salmon pink in color (the media contains a colorimetric pH indicator).

**Refrigerate the transport media at 2-8°C.**

If the media has been exposed to improper conditions, either in shipment or in storage, then the media may become unstable prior to the expiration date. An expiration date is indicated on the label.



If media is past the expiration date on vial, cloudy, contains sediment, or the color indicates basic or acidic conditions, **DO NOT USE**.

If MPLN transport media is not usable due to any of the above mentioned reasons, please use:

- RPMI 1640
- Lactated Ringer's Solution

Place the alternate transport media in a leak-proof, sterile container. There should be enough media in the tube to completely cover the specimen.

### Shipping Specimens

Specimens stored in MPLN transport media should be held refrigerated and promptly shipped to MPLN with a refrigerated gel pack. Gel pack should not contact the vial. Ideally, specimens should be received within 24-48 hours for best specimen stability and results.

### Contact Us

If you have any questions or need to order more media, call client service specialist at **800.932.2943**.