Specimen Packing Instructions

All packages containing diagnostic/clinical specimens must be packaged and shipped to Molecular Pathology Laboratory Network, Inc. (MPLN) in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) Packing Instruction 650. Eliminating any packaging components is a direct violation of IATA Packaging Instructions 650, and may result in specimen rejection.

Packaging Ambient and Pathology Kits

Follow these two steps for packaging specimens properly in Pathology and Ambient Transport Kits:

1. Place one specimen/tube inside a biohazard bag with an absorbent pad. Place the requisition form in the outer pocket of the biohazard bag.
2. Based on the specimen type and temperature requirements, place the specimen(s) inside one of the boxes pictured on the right.

Preparing All Kits for Shipment

When the specimen(s) are properly packaged in the appropriate kit, follow these two steps for shipping.

1. Place the kit(s) inside a UPS Lab Pak or a FedEx Shipping Pak (Two kits can fit in one UPS Lab Pak or FedEx Shipping Pak.)
2. Be sure the UPS Lab Pak or FedEx Shipping Pak is sealed.
3. Attach thermal label to UPS Lab Pak or FedEx Shipping Pak. **Friday Shipment:** Use two Friday labels and a Saturday sticker if the package is to arrive at MPLN on Saturday.

MPLN provides IATA-compliant kits and packing supplies, including dry ice boxes for shipping frozen specimens.

If you need shipping supplies, contact a client service specialist at **800.932.2943** or via e-mail at **supplies@mplnet.com**.

Ambient Transport Kit

Ambient Temperature Specimens
Place specimens in biohazard bag inside the box.

Pathology Transport Kit

Refrigerated Specimens
Place specimens in biohazard bag inside the box with an ice pack. Do not remove Styrofoam.

CTC Transport Kit

Place CellSave tubes into foam cutouts. Place kit in biohazard bag. (Use for the CellSearch Circulating Tumor Cell Test only.)

Bone Marrow Collection Kit

Detailed packing instructions are on the inside lid of the bone marrow collection kit.

FedEx Shipping Pak

Use for Monday-Thursday shipment.

Use for Friday Shipments. (Two Friday labels, plus a Saturday SDR delivery label)

UPS Laboratory Pak

Use for Monday-Thursday shipment.

Use for Friday Shipments. (Friday labels, plus an orange Saturday delivery UPS label.)