



ANAEROBIC TRANSPORT MEDIA INOCULATION PROTOCOL

- **Obtain specimen:**
 - **For bowel:**
 - **Open 18-26 cm (8-12") of bowel.**
 - **Push aside bowel contents with gloved finger or tongue depressor.**
 - **Swab aggressively over the length of the open bowel, so that the swab presses deeply into mucosa and may even scrape off some mucosa. (Be careful to hold swab shaft only at the end to prevent contamination)**
 - **For solid organs, follow protocol for aseptically collecting bacterial culture swabs from solid tissues**
- **Check expiration date on transport media. Samples submitted in expired media may be compromised.**
- **Loosen screw cap (Do not tip tube horizontally with cap open. There is an oxygen-excluding gas cap above the semisolid media that is heavier than air and will spill out.)**
- **Insert swab into media once, to ~5mm from bottom (Do not pull swab in and out). Hold swab as far away from swab end as possible.**
- **Break or cut swab shaft evenly with lip of tube below the point of hand contact**
- **Replace and tighten cap ASAP (Do not over tighten)**
- **Label tube with animal name/number, owner name, date, and site swabbed**
- **Hold at room temperature (20-25⁰C) prior to shipping (Do not refrigerate)**
- **Pack and deliver to lab within 72 hr of inoculation (Do not chill)**
- **Protect from temperature extremes in transit. Keep at 20-25⁰C.**
Inoculated media can be shipped in insulated container to protect from extreme temperatures.



ANAEROBIC TRANSPORT MEDIA TUBE