

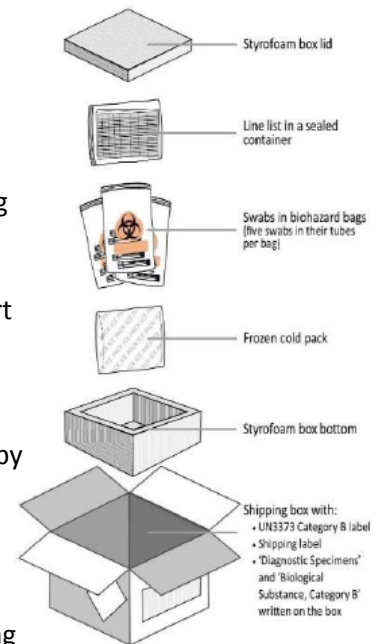
Procedure for Shipping Patient Swabs

Primary Packaging: The ESwab collection tube

Secondary Packaging: Sealable, clear, plastic biohazard specimen bag with absorbent paper within. Biohazard bag is then placed within a 95kPA compliant biohazard specimen transport bag.

Outer Packaging: Category B rated cardboard shipping box

1. Check to make sure each ESwab has been firmly screwed closed and appropriately labeled (i.e. patient identifiers present).
2. Place one ESwab into each clear plastic biohazard specimen bag with an absorbent paper. Firmly seal the biohazard specimen bag.
3. Place the completed requisition form in the front pocket of the sealed biohazard bag (Note: Do not include any paperwork within sealed portion of biohazard transport bags).
4. Place the sealed biohazard bag in the 95kPA compliant biohazard specimen transport bag. (Note: Multiple biohazard bags can be placed within the 95kPA bag; do not overfill.)
5. Firmly seal 95kPA bag.
6. Place frozen cold packs into the Category B rated cardboard shipping box followed by filled 95kPA bags.
 - a. Make sure frozen cold packs are sealed and will not leak and damage the shipping box. (Note: If desired, frozen cold packs and samples can be placed inside a Styrofoam box within the cardboard box.)
7. Place completed line list in the plastic, sealable bag and place between the 95kPA bag and the Category B rated cardboard box.
8. Close shipping box and seal shut. Place shipping label and UN 3373 Biological Substance, Category B sticker on outside of box (if not present already).
9. Attach the FedEx return label to the outside of the shipping box and complete the emergency contact sticker found on the outside of the shipping box.
10. Ship immediately to the West AR Lab Network Regional Lab.



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This test has not been cleared or approved by the FDA. The performance characteristics have been established by the Washington State Public Health Lab Antibiotic Resistance Lab Network.