

**PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT NOTICE: STORAGE RECOMMENDATION IS NOW 15-30°C**

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## Michel Transport Medium & Michel Wash Solution - Technical Memo

**SOLUTIONS:**

Michel Transport Medium  
Michel Wash Solution

**500 ml**

Part 1242A  
Part 1243A

**1 Liter**

Part 1242B  
Part 1243B

**1 Gallon**

Part 1242C  
Part 1243C

**30 ml vial, 15 ml fill (50/cs)**

Part 12423C

**20 ml vial, 10 ml fill (25/cs)**

Part 12423E

Michel Transport Medium Vial

**For storage requirements and expiration date refer to individual bottle labels.**

**APPLICATION:**

Newcomer Supply Michel Transport Medium and pre-filled Michel Transport Medium Vials, provide a stable medium for transport of fresh unfixed tissues, such as renal, rectal, lymph node, skin and oral mucosa biopsies, which will undergo subsequent frozen sectioning and immunofluorescence studies.

- Michel Transport Medium is not a fixative and does not have any fixative properties.
- Michel Transport Medium is not suitable for transporting cells for flow cytometry or tissues used for fluorescent in-situ hybridization (FISH) studies.

Newcomer Supply Michel Wash Solution is used to rinse Michel Transport Medium from tissue after transport or storage and prior to freezing.

**METHOD:**

**Fixation:** Fresh unfixed tissue

**Solutions:** All solutions are manufactured by Newcomer Supply, Inc.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Place fresh tissue in an adequate amount of Michel Transport Medium as soon as possible after excision.
  - a. See Procedure Note #1.
2. Ensure that the specimen is completely covered with Michel Transport Medium and is free floating.
3. Transport tissue to processing site in Michel Transport Medium up to a maximum of five days.
4. During transport or storage, maintain cool to ambient temperatures of 4°C to 22°C.
5. Upon receipt, wash tissue held in Michel Transport Medium with Michel Wash Solution; three changes, 10 minutes each.
6. Freeze tissue sample(s) per laboratory protocol.
7. Tissue placed in Michel Transport Medium may provide adequate results when processed for light microscopy review.
  - a. Wash tissue 2-3 minutes in tap water and place in appropriate fixative prior to processing.
  - b. See Procedure Note #2.

**PROCEDURE NOTES:**

1. Previously frozen tissue will not provide optimal testing results and should not be used with Michel Transport Medium.
2. Tissues held/transported in Michel Transport Medium, may provide satisfactory histological results if conditions as outlined in Procedure Steps #3 and #4 are maintained. Morphology detail will not be equal to that of expediently fixed and processed tissue.

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