

ParaPak Vial replaces ETM Vial



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Effective immediately, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is replacing the Enteric Transport Media (ETM) red cap vial with the ParaPak (Cary-Blair) orange cap vial.

We are working to update the specimen requirements as quickly as possible to reflect that either vial is acceptable. Please use this notice as acceptability for the testing where ETM is noted.

If you have ETM vials still in stock at your office, the ETM can still be used if not expired.

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No Longer Available:	Replace with:
ETM VIAL (Red cap)	PARAPAK VIAL (Orange cap)
	
Instructions for use:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carefully uncap the vial. 2. Using the plastic spoon attached to the cap, transfer enough stool to bring the liquid level up to the red arrow on the label marked "ADD SPECIMEN TO THIS LINE". Choose liquid or bloody portions of the specimen if present. 3. Recap the vial tightly and shake well. 4. Label the specimen with patient name, date of birth and collection date/time. 5. Transport at Room Temperature. 6. Submit to laboratory within 72 hours of collection. 	

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