

## STUART TRANSPORT MEDIUM

Semisolid medium for the preservation of *Neisseria spp* and other fastidious microorganisms.

### TYPICAL FORMULA (g/l)

Sodium Glycerophosphate	10.0
Sodium Thioglycollate	1.0
Calcium Chloride	0.1
Methylene Blue	0.002
Agar	3.0

Final pH = 7.3 ± 0.2 at 25 °C.

### DIRECTIONS

Suspend 14.1 g of powder in 1 liter of distilled or deionized water. Heat to boiling with frequent agitation and distribute into 5 ml screw-capped vials filling each vial almost to the top. Sterilized in autoclave with caps loose, at 121°C for 10 minutes. Then screw caps on tightly, and cool vials rapidly.

### DESCRIPTION

STUART TRANSPORT MEDIUM is a semisolid, nonnutritive medium used for the transport of specimens of clinical source to the laboratory. *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Trichomonas vaginalis* can live on Stuart Transport Medium without proliferating for up to 24 hours, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* for up to 5 days. However, as a general rule, it is better to subject all the specimens to microbiological analysis as soon as possible.

### TECHNIQUE

To transport specimens, insert a third of the swab with which the material has been collected into the center of the medium: then cut the rod and screw the test-tube stopper down to clamp the swab. Keep the test-tube in a refrigerator until dispatch.

### QUALITY CONTROL

#### Dehydrated medium

Appearance: free-flowing, homogeneous.

Color: light beige.

#### Prepared medium

Appearance: opalescent.

Color: colorless to light amber.

Incubation conditions: 20 ± 2 °C for 18-24 hours.

Microorganism	ATCC	Growth on medium*
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	43069	+
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	10211	+
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	19615	+

\*Columbia Blood Agar + 5% Sheep Blood

### STORAGE

The powder is very hygroscopic: store the powder at 10-30 °C, in a dry environment, in its original container tightly closed and use it before the expiry date on the label or until signs of deterioration or contamination are evident. Store prepared tubes at 10-30 °C.

### REFERENCES

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




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**PRESENTATION**

<b>Product</b>	<b>REF</b>	
STUART TRANSPORT MEDIUM (35.4 l)	610182	500 g
STUART TRANSPORT MEDIUM (7.0 l)	620182	100 g

**TABLE OF SYMBOLS**

<b>LOT</b> Batch code	 Caution, consult accompanying documents	 Manufacturer	 Contains sufficient for <n> tests	<b>IVD</b> <i>In Vitro</i> Diagnostic Medical Device
<b>REF</b> Catalogue number	 Fragile, handle with care	 Use by	 Temperature limitation	 Keep away from heat source



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