## **Specimen Packing Instruction**

All packages containing diagnostic/clinical specimens must be packaged and shipped to Molecular Pathology Laboratory Network, Inc. (MPLN) in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) Packing Instruction 650. Eliminating any packaging components is a direct violation of IATA Packaging Instructions 650, and may result in specimen rejection.



#### **Ambient Transport Kit**

Ambient Temperature Specimens Place specimens in biohazard bag w/absorbent pad inside the box.



Peripheral Blood Collection Kit

Refrigerated Specimens Place Peripheral Blood tubes into foam cutouts. Place kit in biohazard bag w/absorbent pad inside the box with an ice pack.

### Packaging Ambient and Pathology Kits

Follow these two steps for packaging specimens properly in Pathology and Ambient Transport Kits:

- Place one specimen/tube inside a biohazard bag with an absorbent pad. Place the requisition form in the outer pocket of the biohazard bag.
- Based on the specimen type and temperature requirements, place the specimen(s) inside one of the boxes pictured.



#### **Pathology Transport Kit**

Refrigerated Specimens
Place specimens in biohazard bag
w/absorbent pad inside the box
with an ice pack.



**Bone Marrow Collection Kit** 

Detailed packing instructions are on the inside lid of the bone marrow collection kit.

# Preparing all Kits for Shipment

When the specimen(s) are properly packaged in the appropriate kit, follow these two steps for shipping.

- 1. Place the kit(s) inside a UPS Lab Pak or a FedEx Shipping Pak (Two kits can fit in one UPS Lab Pak or FedEx Shipping Pak.)
- 2. Be sure the UPS Lab Pak or FedEx Shipping Pak is sealed.
- 3. Please reference photos below to ensure you choose the correct shipping label for either Mon-Thurs shipment or Friday shipment.

MPLN provides IATA-compliant kits and packing supplies, including dry ice boxes for shipping frozen specimens.

If you need shipping supplies, contact a Client Service Specialist at 800.932.2943 or via email at services@mplnet.com or supplies@mplnet.com.

### FedEx Shipping Pak



Use this label with the Callahan Road address for Monday-Thursday shipment.



Use this label with the Murdock Road address for Friday shipments. (Plus a Saturday SDR delivery label)

### **UPS Laboratory Pak**



Use this label for Monday-Thursday shipment.



Use for Friday Shipments. (Friday label, plus an orange Saturday delivery UPS label.)