



Dear Valued Client,

We are reaching out to offer a gentle reminder.

When referring biological samples to Advanced Diagnostic Laboratories for testing, specimens must be properly classified, packaged, marked, and labeled. Moreover, personnel involved in specimen packaging and shipment must be trained in accordance with applicable DOT, IATA, OSHA, carrier, and institutional requirements.

As applicable, biological specimens should be packaged using a triple-packaging system:

1. Leakproof primary container
2. Leakproof secondary container with sufficient absorbent material for liquids
3. Rigid outer packaging with appropriate markings and labels

For Category B shipments, the outer package must include the required UN3373 marking and "Biological Substance, Category B" designation. Other specimen classifications, such as Category A or Exempt Human Specimens, may have different requirements.

Improper packaging, labeling, or classification may result in shipment delays, specimen rejection, carrier refusal, exposure concerns, or additional follow-up. Shipping errors are documented in ISO 15189 accredited Advanced Diagnostic Laboratories' quality event system and assigned a quality event number. The event may be reviewed for impact to specimen integrity, personnel safety, transport compliance, and recurrence.

This notice is provided as general guidance and does not replace required shipping or dangerous goods training. Thank you in advance for your attention to

safe and compliant specimen transport.

Please contact our Client Services team by phone at 800.550.6227 or via email at ClinRefLabs@NJHealth.org if you have questions about specimen submission expectations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Groshong".

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