

# Standard on microbiological transport systems QC, 10/14

October 2014—The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute released a new edition of its document Quality Control of Microbiological Transport Systems; Approved Standard—Second Edition (M40-A2). This document provides criteria to assist manufacturers and end users of transport devices in providing and selecting dependable products for the transport of microbiological clinical specimens.



Based on new data generated from multiple studies, M40 now includes new and revised information, provides better definitions, and expands the sections on quality control of transport devices used for viruses, urine, and fecal specimens.

It includes updated testing protocols that accommodate new types of swab collection devices and better defines temperatures under which QC testing and specimen transport are conducted. The definitions section contains information about the difference between collection (sampling) devices and specimen collection and transport systems. The standard presents step-by-step directions for manufacturers' QC and can be used for comparison and evaluation testing.

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