

# PATHKITS

Product Information Sheet

## MDS™ Viral Transport Medium Kit

Used for Collection and  
Transportation of specimens  
containing viruses such as  
SARS COV2, Swine Flu, Etc.



**With 1 - 3 ml Viral Transport Medium in a 10 mL or 15 mL tube and 2 sterile Non-Cotton Synthetic swabs with breakpoint recommended for collection and transport of viruses.**

### Product Description:

MDS™ Viral Transport medium is a specially formulated medium for collection and transport of viruses. It is designed to maintain the optimum viability and virulence of the viral sample.

MDS™ Viral Transport Medium is made of Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) and contains protective protein antibiotics to control microbial contamination and buffers to control the pH.

The sterile non-cotton synthetic swabs on a plastic shaft with a break point can be used for collecting nasal and throat samples.

### Precautions:

1. Isolation of viruses will largely depend on proper specimen collection, timing of sample collection and processing of samples.
2. Specimen collection should be done in the acute phase of illness.
3. Do not use the product if,
  - There is change in the opacity of the medium.
  - There is evidence of leakage and
  - There are other signs of deterioration.
4. To maintain infectivity of viruses, it is important that temperature be properly maintained for sample collection to processing.
5. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw of collected samples.
6. It is recommended to refer to standard procedures and published protocols for sample collection and processing.

## Composition:

Proprietary - with our without pH indicator

## Quality Control:

### Appearance

Clear Medium (Orange-Pink to Pink-Orange)

### pH at 25°C

7.4 ± 0.2

### Osmolality in mOsm/Kg H<sub>2</sub>O

500 - 600

### Sterility

No bacterial or fungal growth was observed after 14 days of incubation.

## Storage and Shelf Life:

MDS™ Viral Transport medium should be stored at 02-30°C. Use before expiry date given on the product label.

Shelf life of the product is 15 months.

## Packaging:

50/100 pcs per box.

## Instruction for use:

1. Open the zip lock pack and take out the swab. Get sampling with swab from right body parts.
2. Place the swab into virus specimen tube all the way to the bottom of the tube.
3. Cut the plastic shaft to fit swab in the tube.
4. Tighten the cap, shake it several times and complete the sampling.

## Transport:

After collection, the specimen should be transported to the laboratory within 72 hours with recommended storage temperature of 2-8 degree Celsius. If the delivery and processing exceed 72 hours, specimens should be transported in dry ice and once in laboratory frozen at -70 degree Celsius or colder. The specimens should avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

## Accreditations



## Kit Options :

VTM Kit is available in more than one option, depending on the choice of swabs you make.

### Kit content: Product Code : MDS002

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	3 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Polyester Swab with breakpoint	2	Room Temperature

### Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (A)

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	3 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Nasal sampling	1	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (B)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	3 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Oral sampling	1	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (D)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	3 ml	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (E)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	3 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Nasal sampling	1	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Oral sampling	1	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (H)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	2 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Oral sampling	1	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (I)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	2 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Polyester Swab with breakpoint for Nasal or Oral sampling	1	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (C)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	3 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Polyester Swab with breakpoint for Nasal or Oral sampling	1	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (F)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	2 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Polyester Swab with breakpoint	2	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (G)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	2 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Nasal sampling	1	Room Temperature

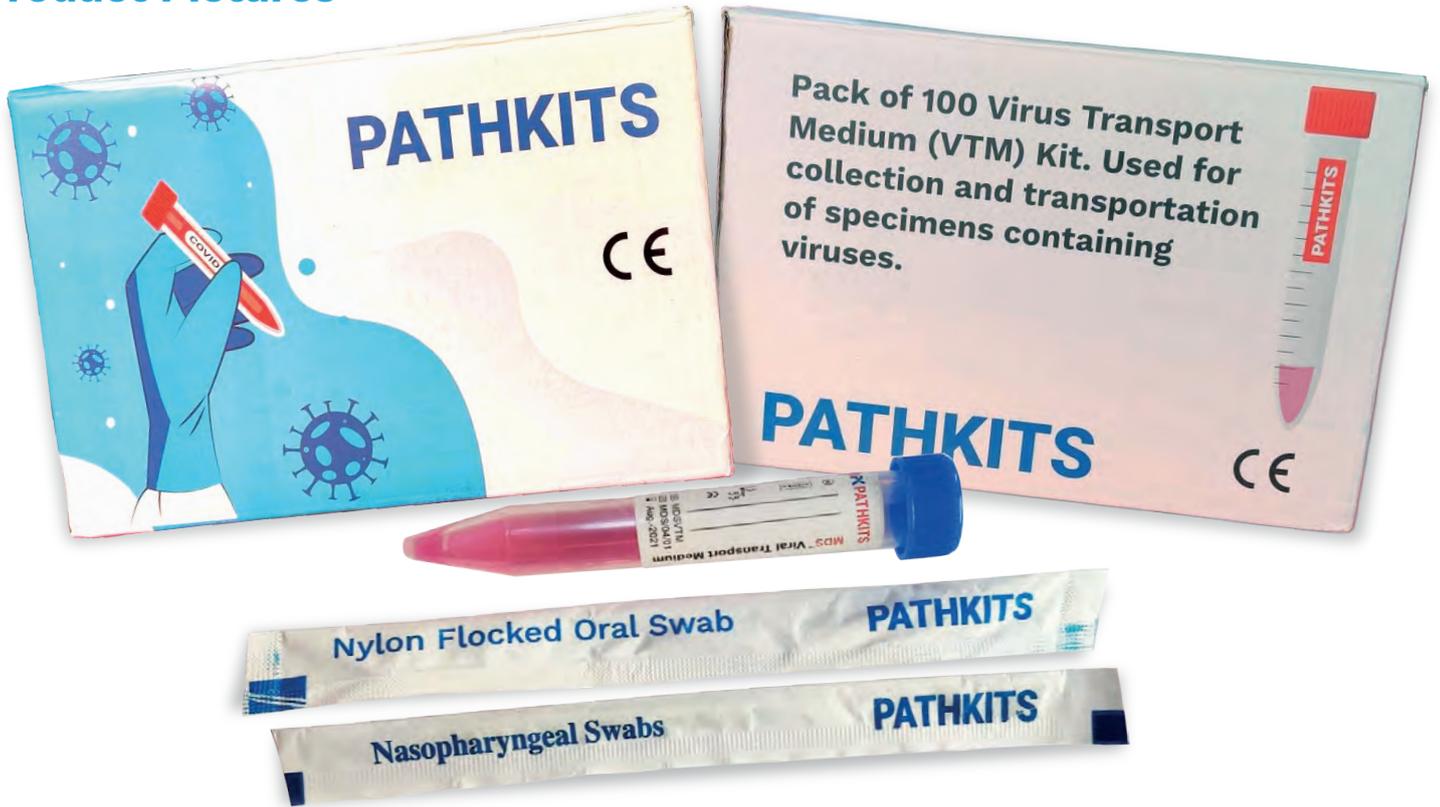
**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (J)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	2 ml	Room Temperature

**Kit content: Product Code : MDS002 (K)**

Description	Qty.	Storage
MDS™ Viral Transport Medium	2 ml	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Nasal sampling	1	Room Temperature
Sterile Nylon Swab with breakpoint for Oral sampling	1	Room Temperature

## Product Pictures



## Swab Options

Polyester Swabs



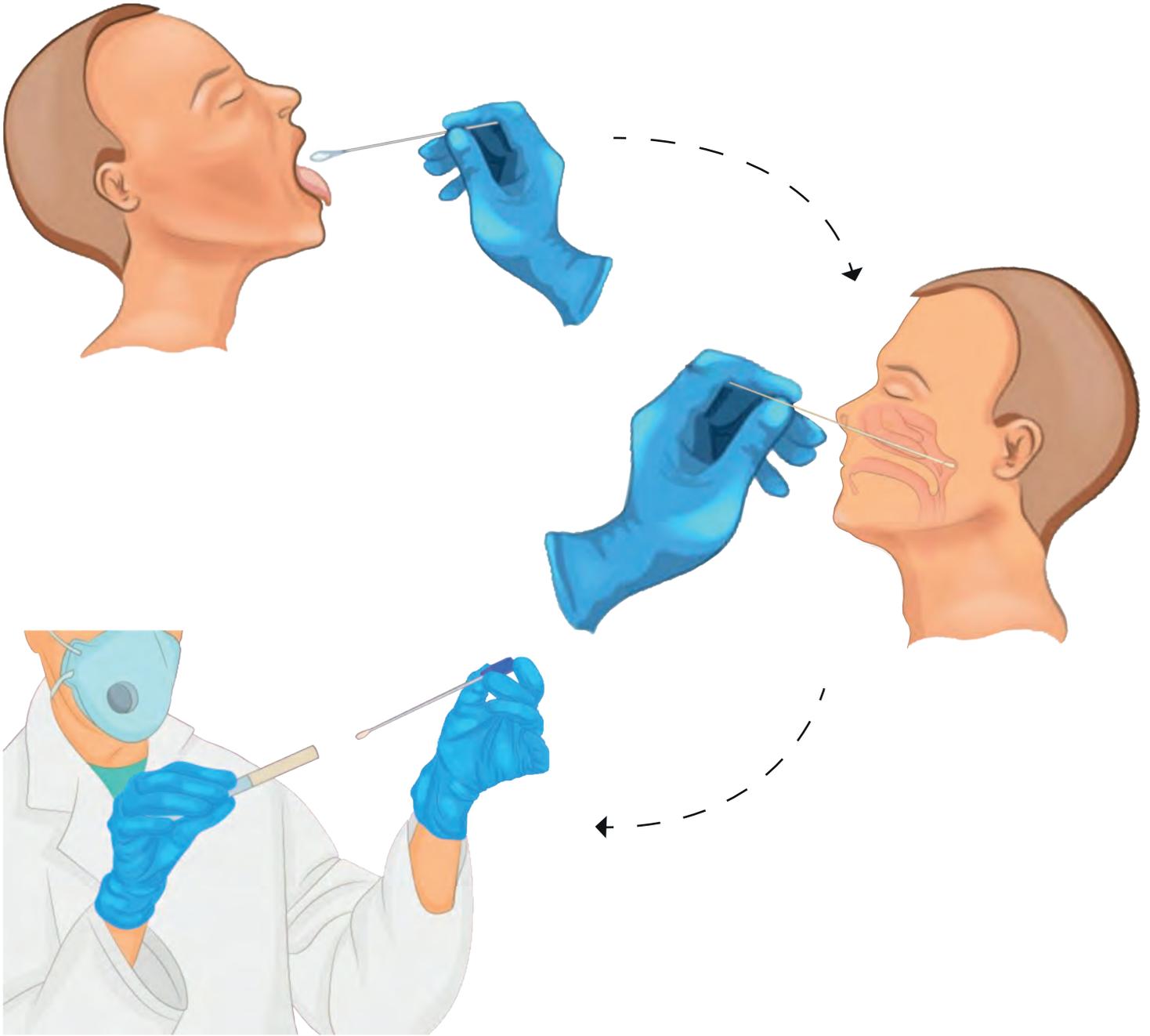
Nylon Flocked Nasal Swabs



Nylon Flocked Oral Swab



## Usage



## Disclaimer:

User must ensure suitability of the product(s) in their application prior to use. Products conform solely to the information contained in this kit insert. The information contained in this kit insert is based on our research and development work and is to the best of our knowledge true and accurate. Products are not intended for human or animal diagnostic or therapeutic use but for laboratory, research or further manufacturing use only, unless otherwise specified. Statements contained herein should not be considered as a warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, and no liability is accepted for infringement of any patents.

Product Code : **MDS002**

Shell Life: 12 Months

**Kit Contents (100 pc box)**

Description	Quantity
MDS Viral Transport Medium (~3 mL)	100
Patient Labelling Stickers	100
Sterile Oropharyngeal Swab	100
Sterile Nasopharyngeal Swab	100

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The sterile synthetic swabs on a plastic shaft with a breakpoint can be used for collecting nasal and throat samples.

**Material of Construction :** Medical Grade Plastic, Chemical Reagents

### Quality Control:

#### **Appearance**

Transparent Media & Color range between Orange-Pink to Pink-Orange

#### **pH at 25°C**

7.3 ± 0.3

#### **Osmolality in mOsm/Kg H<sub>2</sub>O**

500mOsm - 600mOsm

#### **Sterility**

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### Shipping and storage

- MDS Viral Transport medium should be stored at 15-30°C.
- Use before expiry date given on the product label.
- MDS Viral Transport medium is shipped at Room Temperature

**Packaging :** 100 pcs Per Box

### Instruction for use:

1. Open the sterile swab pack and take out the swab. Get sampling with a swab from the right body parts such as the oral and nasal cavity.
2. Place the swab into the virus specimen tube all the way to the bottom of the tube.
3. Break the plastic shaft to fit a swab in the tube.
4. Tighten the cap, shake it several times and complete the sampling.
5. Optional Step: Apply parafilm to the cap to ensure it is tightly capped and no leakage happens during transportation.



### Transport of samples:

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**NOTE: Apply Parafilm on the cap, to avoid leaking during transport after collecting the specimen.**



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Ms. Metadesign solutions

Subject: Performance Evaluation Report for MDS viral transport medium, sterile thick polyester swabs (thick for throat and thin for nasopharyngeal swabs) (Lot No. MDS/04/01)

Sir

We have evaluated the MDS viral transport medium, sterile thick polyester swabs (thick for throat and thin for nasopharyngeal swabs) (Lot No. MDS/04/01) from Meta Design Solutions. The final report is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

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**Evaluation report for VTM and swabs**

**Objective:** To evaluate the performance of VTM and nasal/throat swabs

**Company Name:** Meta Design solutions

**VTM and Swab material:** MDS viral transport medium, sterile thick polyester swabs (thick for throat and thin for nasopharyngeal swabs) (Lot No. MDS/04/01)

**Methodology:** Throat and nasal swabs were collected from twenty healthy individuals and swabs were transferred in to VTM tubes. All tubes were kept at 4°C for 12 hrs. RNA was extracted and tested for human RNaseP gene (internal control) using ICMR-NIV assay.

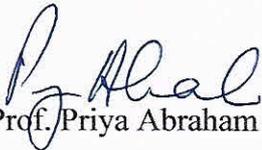
**Results:**

- 1) Amplification of internal control was noted in all the samples

The swabbed individuals did not report any discomfort during the swabbing process.

**Conclusion:**

**The MDS Viral Transport Medium kit with throat swabs (Lot No. MDS/04/01) from MetaDesign solutions was considered as satisfactory since amplification of internal control was noted in all samples.**

  
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