SHIPPING LIVE FIBROBLAST CELL CULTURES

(NOTE: AT ROOM TEMP, NOT ON ICE!)

Preparation:

1. Passage the cells to a T-25 culture flask as you would under normal conditions.
2. The cultures must be in log phase when you mail them; around 70% confluent is a good rule of thumb.

Shipping procedure:

1. Fill the culture flask with complete media, tighten the cap, and seal with parafilm.
2. Filling to the top is important to avoid the shearing forces of media swishing around in under filled containers.
3. Place the flask in a sealed plastic bag and wrap the bag in bubble wrap.
4. Place the culture flask in a padded mailing container or box, along with a piece of paper with identifying name/information about the cells.
5. Send the mailer to FedEx\textsuperscript{R} or any other next day delivery service.
6. SHIP AT ROOM TEMPERATURE. Do not ship on ice packs or cold packs.
7. Call/email our laboratory or the CReM when you are ready to mail the package.

Please note: Boston University does not accept specimens delivered on a Saturday or Sunday, so shipments sent early to mid-week are best.

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