

Instructions for Specimen Collection & Shipment

Storage of MGP Preserve vials **PRIOR** to specimen collection:

MGP Preserve solution is light sensitive; always store vials in a dark place (inside the collection kit transport box or dark bag) and at room temperature (+15 to +25°C) until expiration date. **Note:** If any crystallization forms inside the collection vial or if the preservative solution turns yellow, appropriately discard the tube and collect the specimen using another collection tube.



Specimen Collection

1. Label the **MGP Preserve** vial with at least two patient identifiers.
2. **Immediately after collecting the specimen**, place **200-800 µl of pancreatic cyst fluid** sample directly into the solution vial. Transfer to non-MGP Preserve vials is strongly prohibited.
3. Secure the tube cap and **invert several times** to mix the collected sample.

Storage of MGP Preserve vials **AFTER** specimen collection:

PancreaSeq sample (s) should be promptly shipped for testing OR stored frozen at -15 to -25 °C. They may be shipped at room temperature via overnight delivery, but inclusion of a **cold pack** is recommended. Do not ship on a Friday.



Shipping

1. Ensure that all vials are labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers.
2. Place the specimen vial(s) in the bio-hazard bag along with a flat, frozen cold pack (recommended).
3. Include a completed **test requisition form** AND a copy of either the **endoscopy (EUS) report** or cytopathology report for each sample. Alternatively, the test requisition form and reports may be submitted electronically via the MGP Web Portal.

Shipping address:

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For questions and to order more supplies please contact the MGP lab at upmcmgplab@upmc.edu

