InTrayTM PDA

Potato Dextrose Agar

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use Only



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INTENDED USE:

Potato Dextrose Agar is recommended by the American Public Health Association for plate counts of yeasts and molds in the examination of foods and dairy products.^{1,2} It is also used for maintenance, cultivation and sporulation of stock cultures of various dermatophytes and for differentiation of atypical varieties of dermatophytes by pigment production³.

DESCRIPTION AND PRINCIPLE OF USE:

Potato starch infusion and dextrose support luxuriant growth of fungi.

STORAGE:

Upon receipt, store InTrayTM PDA under refrigeration (2-25°C). Avoid freezing or prolonged storage at temperatures above 40°C. Do not open until ready to use. Do not use if the medium shows signs of deterioration or contamination. Expiration is 12 months past the date of manufacture.

INOCULATION PROCEDURE:

Pull back the lower right corner adjacent to the clear window of the InTrayTM label until the protective seal is completely visible. Remove the seal by pulling the tab (Fig. 1). **Discard** the seal. **DO NOT REMOVE OR ALTER THE WHITE FILTER STRIP OVER THE VENT HOLE!**

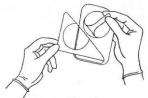


Figure 1

Inoculate the specimen on the surface of the medium. A sterile inoculating loop that has been moistened by touching the surface of the medium may be used for inoculation of solids or scrapings (Fig. 2).



Figure 2

Reseal the InTrayTM by pressing together the edges of the label against the plastic tray. **Press all around the InTrayTM to insure a complete seal** (Fig. 3). Immediately label the InTrayTM with patient or sample information and date. **DO NOT COVER THE VIEWING WINDOW**.

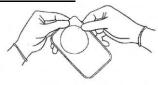


Figure 3

Incubate aerobically at 25-30°C for 18-48 hours.

CULTURE AND RESULTS:

Use standard procedures to obtain isolated colonies from specimens. For isolation of fungi from potentially contaminated specimens, a selective medium should be inoculated along with a non-selective medium. For isolation of fungi causing systemic mycoses, two sets of media should be inoculated, with one set incubated at 25-30°C and a duplicate set at 35±2°C. All cultures should be examined weekly for fungal growth and should be held for 4-6 weeks before being reported as negative.

CULTURE RESPONSE:

Organism	ATCCTM	Recovery
Aspergillus niger	16404	Good
Candida albicans	10231	Good
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	9763	Good
Trichophyton mentagrophytes	9533	Good

PRECAUTIONS:

For *in vitro* diagnostic use only. Once the InTrayTM has been inoculated and resealed, open only in a biological safety cabinet. Because of the potential for containing infectious materials, the InTrayTM must be destroyed by autoclave or other equivalent means of disposal.

SYMBOL KEY			
Symbol	Used For	Symbol	Used For
LOT	Batch code	18° × 25°	Temperature limitation
~~	Date of manufacture	REF	Catalog number
Ω	Use by YYY-MM-DD or YYYY-MM	<u></u>	Caution, consult accompa- nying documents
- 1	Manufacturer	EC REP	Authorized representative in the European Community
IVD	In vitro diagnostic medical device	C€	in European community

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