

Biomedical Research Institute

BRI LN₂ Shipper

(BRI)



This part of the presentation covers:

- How to request an LN₂ shipper from BRI
- Review the steps, documentation, and requirements to ship specimens to BRI
- How to charge and pack an LN₂ shipment to BRI

Viable cryopreserved PBMCs that have been stored in LN₂ or transferred to LN₂ storage at a CRS/Laboratory. They must be sent to BRI in an LN₂ shipper.

(This applies to all PBMCs greater than 5 weeks after collection)

Both Domestic (US) and International (Non-US) CRSs/Laboratories can request a LN₂ shipper from BRI

LN₂ Shipper Request E-mails:

LN₂ shipper request e-mails need to be sent to BRI at least two weeks ahead of need for domestic sites (US) and as much advance notice as possible for international sites (Non-US).

The email should contain the following information:

❖ **Subject of Email:** Lab # ___: BRI LN2 Shipper Request

(1) Requesting Lab Information:

Lab Name:

LDMS Lab Number:

(2) Requester Contact Information:

BRI will contact this person if there are any questions regarding the request

Name of Contact Person:

Contact Person E-mail:

Contact Person Phone:

To birepository@afbr-bri.org Bcc

Cc _____

Add a subject **Lab # ___: BRI LN2 Shipper Request**

(3) What material is being shipped:

Protocol/Study:

Number of Sample Boxes:



2-inch standard sample boxes

(4) Complete shipping

Address:

Contact/Attention to:

Shipping Address:

(include the institution's name, as well as floor or room number if applicable)

E-mail:

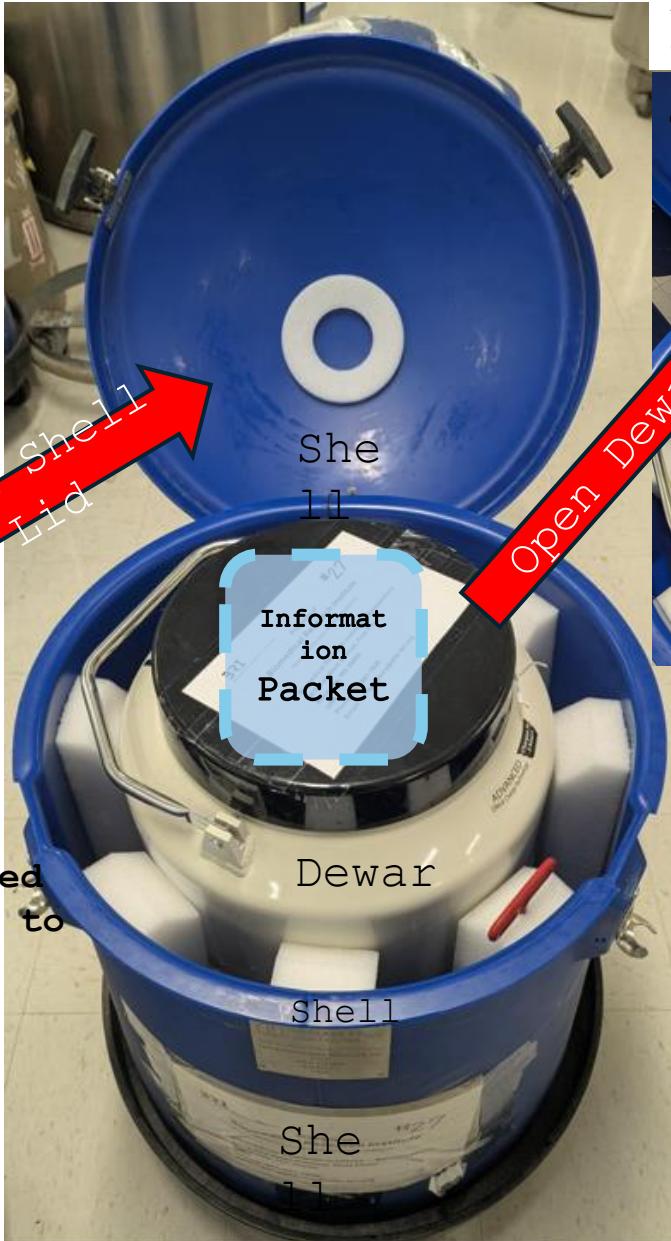
Phone:

All LN₂ shippers should be returned as soon as possible in order for BRI to maintain an adequate inventory.

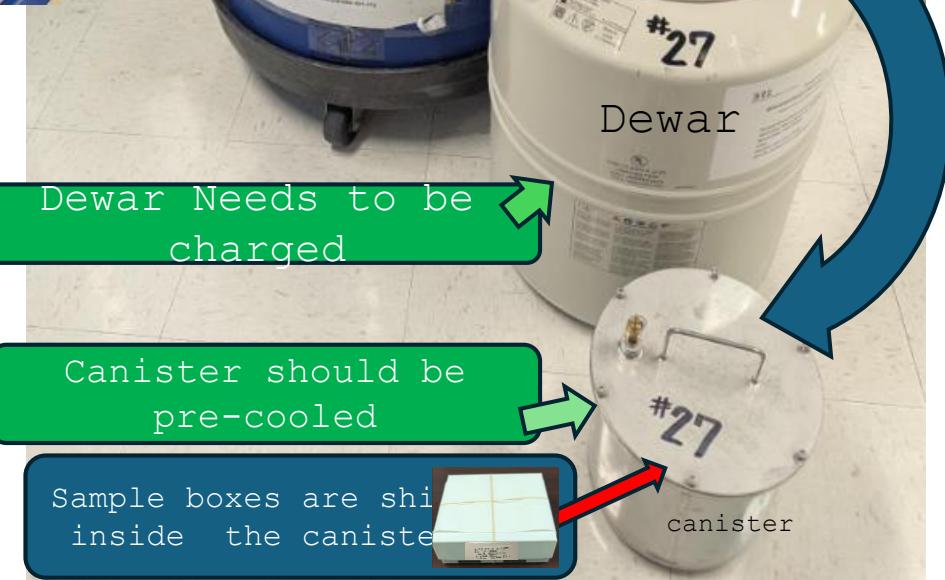
BRI LN₂ Shipper:

Empty shipper arrives at CRS/Laboratory:

Labels upon arrival:



Be gentle when removing dewar lid so that the insulation does not detach



All labels will be replaced for the outgoing shipment to BRI

Steps to Ship Samples to BRI: International sites (Non-US)

(1) Email BRI: Permission to Ship

Email The Permission to Ship Email must include but not limited to the following information:

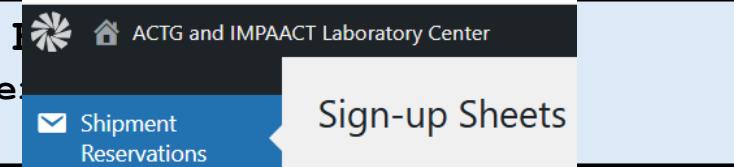
Timeframe or anticipated date of shipment: (would like to ship the week of _____, Would like to ship in the next two weeks)

- **Shipment Type:** (Dry ice shipment, LN₂ shipper, Ambient shipment)
- **Protocols/Study:**
- **Specimen Type(s):** (examples: Serum, Plasma, Urine, PBMCs, Whole Blood, PAX gene Tubes, Hair, Swabs)

**Need to wait for response from BRI to

(2) Use Reservation Tool: Reserve slots (ACTG shipment to BRI)

*Note: All shipping materials must be ready/LN₂ shippers must be on site before shipment.



(3) Email BRI: Shipment

Notification Email

The Shipment Notification Email must include following attachments:

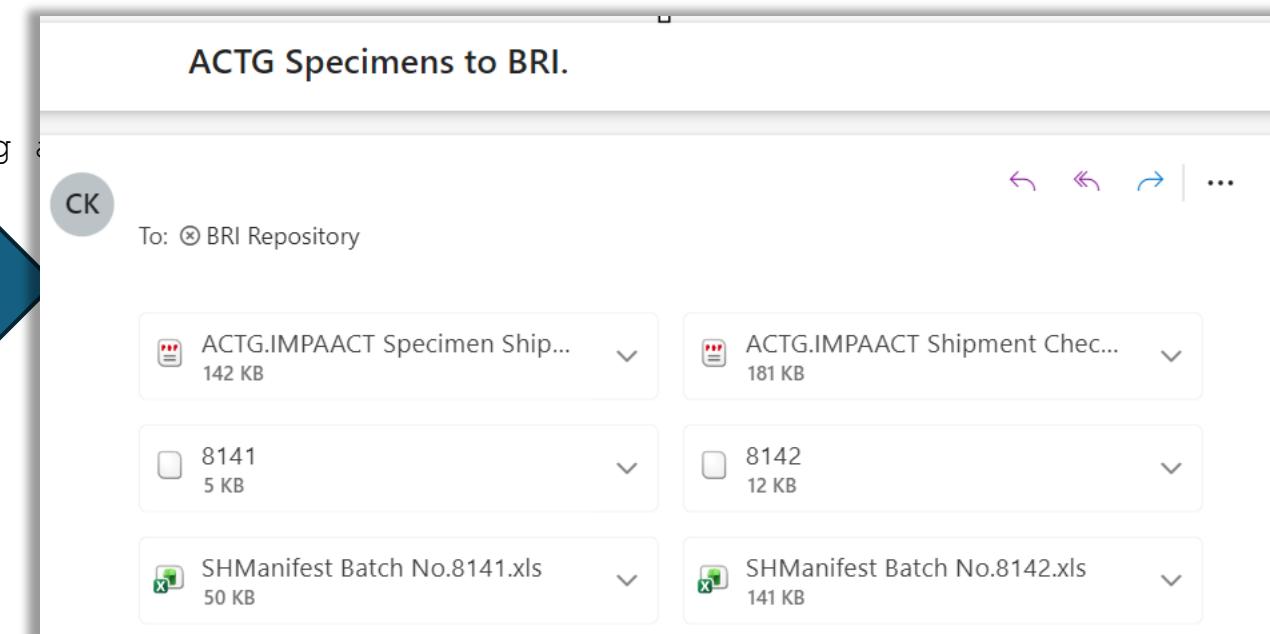
- **Shipment Notice Form**
- **International Checklist**
- **LDMS Batch file**
- **Manifest**

Note: Additional information is welcome on the e-mail

For example:
Tracking #, Protocols, Batch #, how many boxes are in each batch, what specimens

Reminder: **Paper copies** of the following need to be included by the shipper

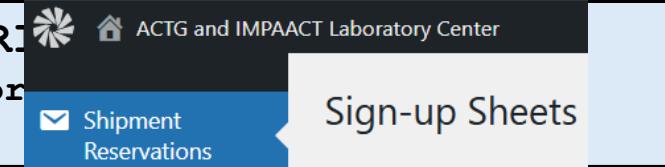
- **Shipment Notice Form**
- **International Checklist**
- **Manifest**
- **Box map(s)**



Steps to Ship Samples to BRI: Domestic sites (US):

(1) Use Reservation Tool: Reserve slots (ACTG shipment to BRI)

*Note: All shipping materials must be ready/LN₂ shippers must be on site before shipping.



(2) Email BRI: Shipment

Notification Email

The Shipment Notification Email must include follow:

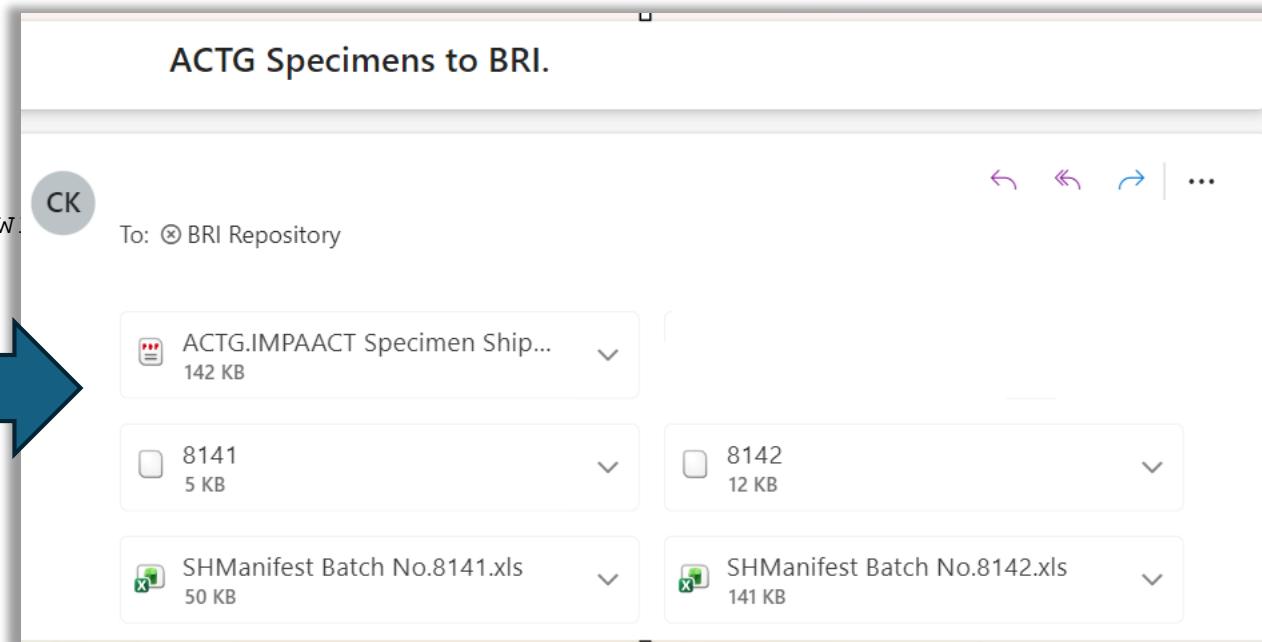
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For example:
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Batch #, how many
boxes are in each
batch, what specimens
are being sent

Reminder: **Paper copies** of the following need to be included by the shipper

- **Shipment Notice Form**
- **Manifest**
- **Box map(s)**



ACTG/IMPAACT SPECIMEN SHIPMENT NOTICE FORM

ACTG/IMPAACT SPECIMEN SHIPMENT NOTICE

INSTRUCTIONS: Email a copy of the completed Shipment Notice to the recipient/consignee on the day of or prior to shipping specimens. In addition, when shipping to the biorepository, all requirements outlined in ACTG- SOP144 (<https://member.mis.s-3.net/cms/fpage/6172/1290>) or the IMPAACT Manual of Operations (<https://www.impaactnetwork.org/resources/manual-procedures>) must be met.

NOTE: Prenotification of international shipments must be emailed and approved by the repository BEFORE the shipment is sent.

RECIPIENT INFORMATION:

Recipient's Name:	Alex Federline	Recipient's Email:	lbirepository@afbr-bri.org
Recipient's Phone:	(301) 881-7636	Recipient Lab number/Name:	999/BRI

SHIPMENT INFORMATION:

Shipper's lab or site #:	Lab # /CRS#	Courier Airbill #:	XXXXXXXXXX (updated)
Shipper's Network Affiliation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTG <input type="checkbox"/> IMPAACT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	LDMS Manifest Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO*
Shipper's Name:	XXXX XXXX	Case Report Forms (CRF):	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Shipper's Phone:	XX-XXXX-XXXX ext XXX	LDMS File Sent by Email:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO*
Date of Shipment (DDMMmmyyyy):	16Jan2026	LDMS Shipment (Batch) Number(s)	8141
Courier Service (e.g., FedEx, World Courier, etc.):	World Courier /Biocair /FedEx Priority Overnight		8142
*Other Relevant Information (e.g., Partial box explanation, PBMC shipment, or explanation for missing paperwork, etc.)		**# of sample boxes in each batch	
Description of shipping container(s) (color, size, manufacturer type) in case of loss by courier.		1X STP-320 shipper /or/ 1X World Courier Box (GDI 30) / or/ BRI LN2 shipper	

SPECIMEN INFORMATION:

Type of Shipment (Circle/Check the appropriate type):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category B (Diagnostics) <input type="checkbox"/> Category A (Infectious) <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Specimen(s)		
Shipping Condition (Circle/Check the appropriate condition):	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry Ice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Shipper (LN ₂) <input type="checkbox"/> Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerated/Gel Packs		
Number of Primary Containers (e.g., blood tubes (ambient) or cryovials (frozen):	Total # samples /and or/ (40 SER, 5 DBS cards, 20 PAX, 50 PBMC)		
Specify Protocol # for batched shipments (e.g., Quest, Fisher, and BRI):	Protocol #1: A53XX	Protocol #5:	Protocol #9:
	Protocol #2: A54XX	Protocol #6:	Protocol #10:
	Protocol #3:	Protocol #7:	Protocol #11:
	Protocol #4:	Protocol #8:	Protocol #12:

Copy of the Shipment Notice Form can



be found: [ABOUT](#) [COORDINATION AREAS](#) [RESOURCES](#) [NEWS & EVENTS](#)

ACTG/IMPAACT Laboratory Resources

Most recent version:

[ACTG/IMPAACT Specimen Shipment Notice](#)
Nov. 01, 2023

Other Relevant Information

New - Moving forward need to include the number of sample boxes in a batch

Please complete ALL sections

(DO not leave a field blank)

Remember to Review and Update the Form for each shipment

Section 1 Recipient Information

Section 2 Shipment Information

Section 3 Specimen Information

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Recipient's Name:	Alex Federline	Recipient's Email:	brirepository@afbr-bri.org
Recipient's Phone:	(301) 881-7636	Recipient Lab number/Name:	999/BRI

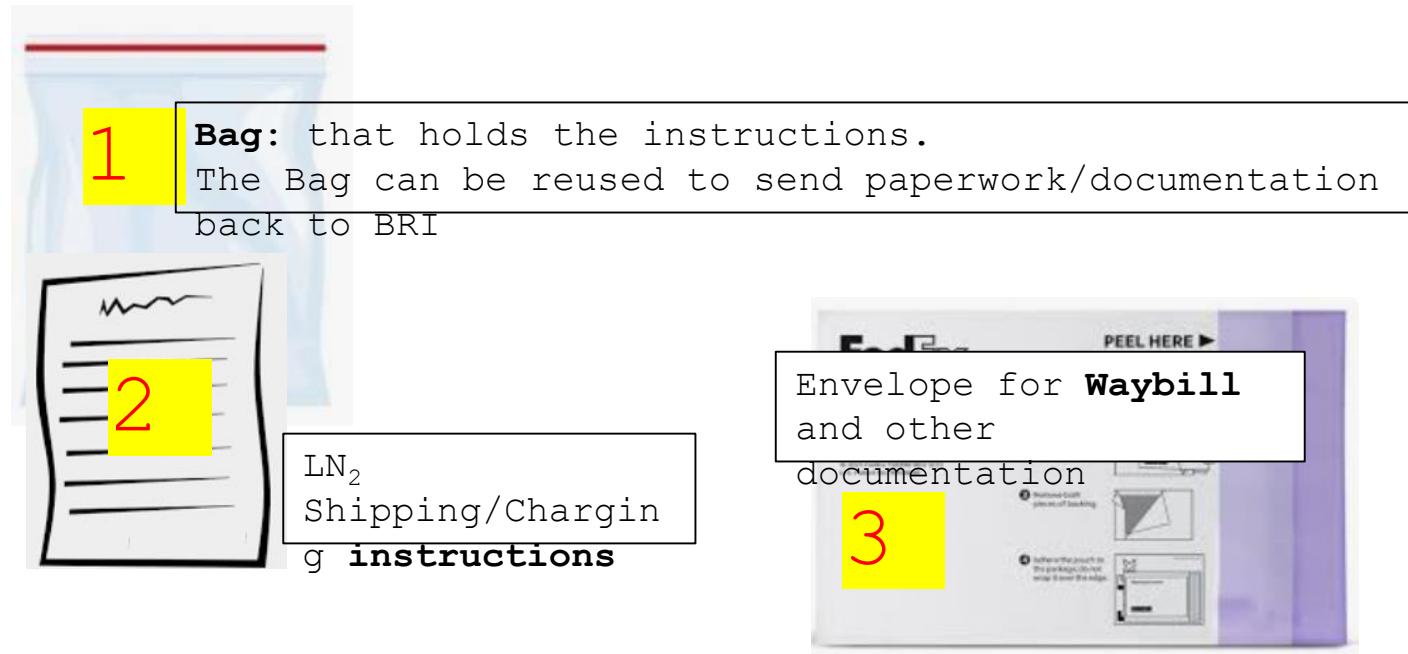
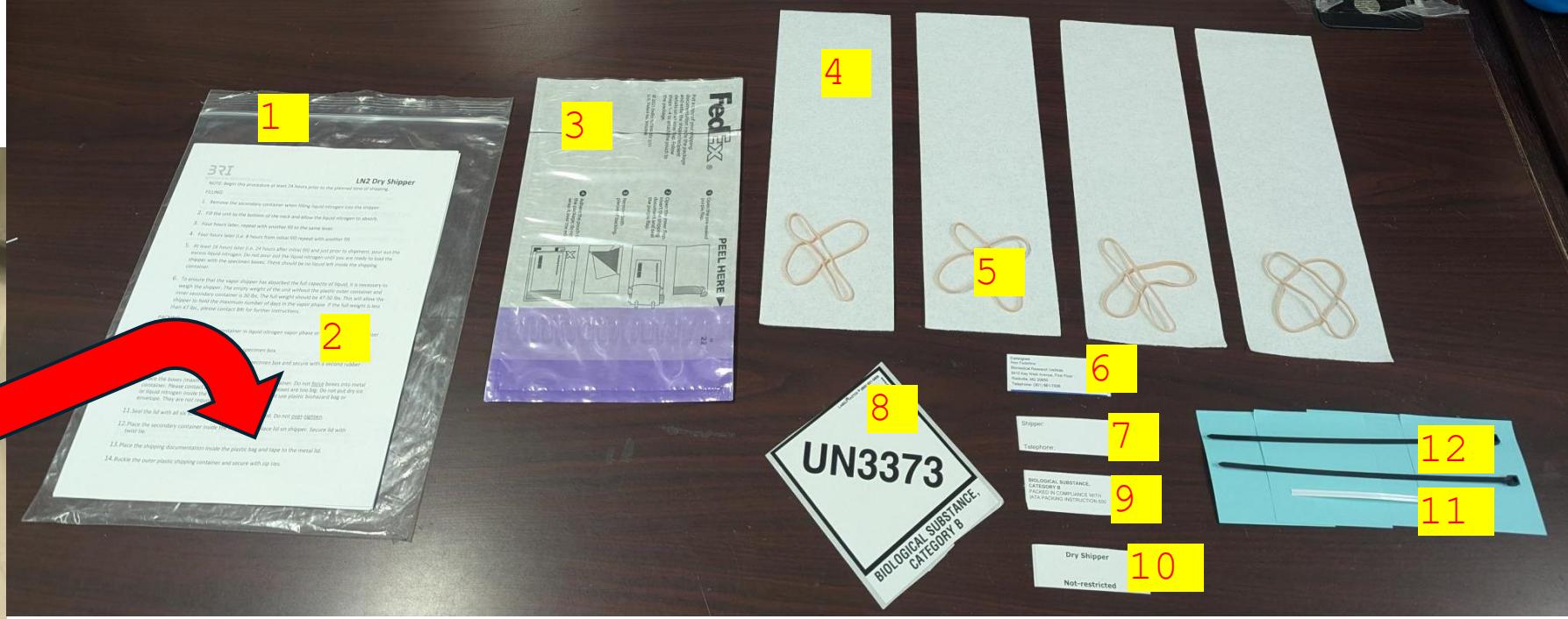
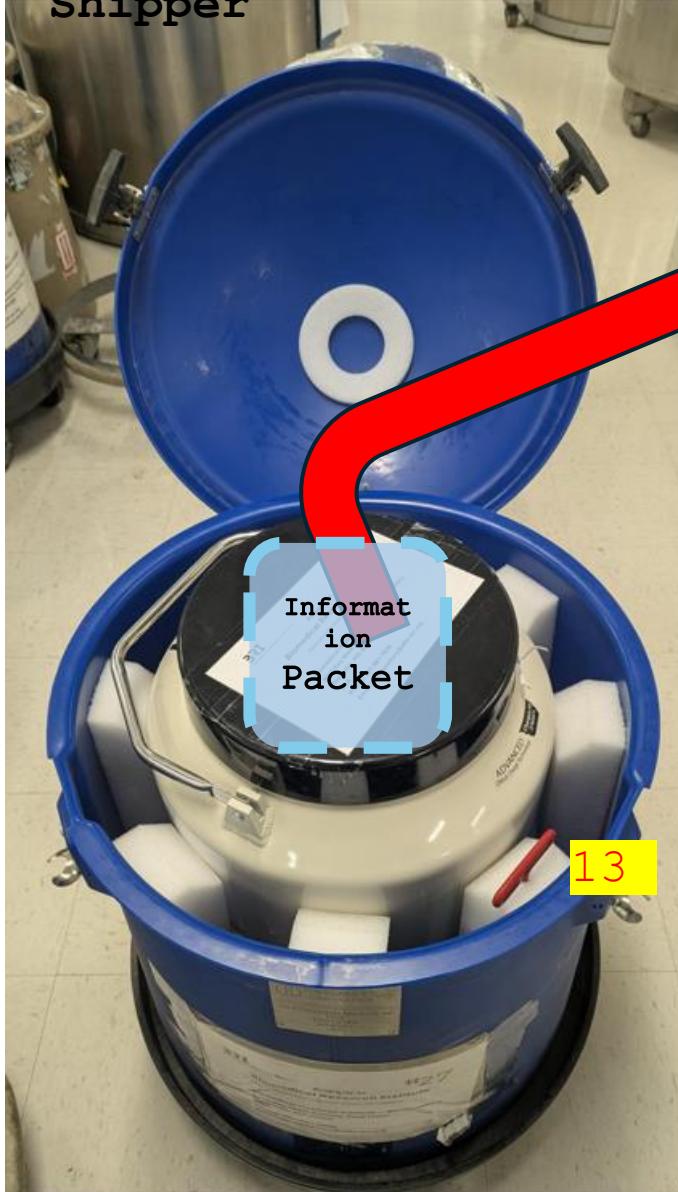
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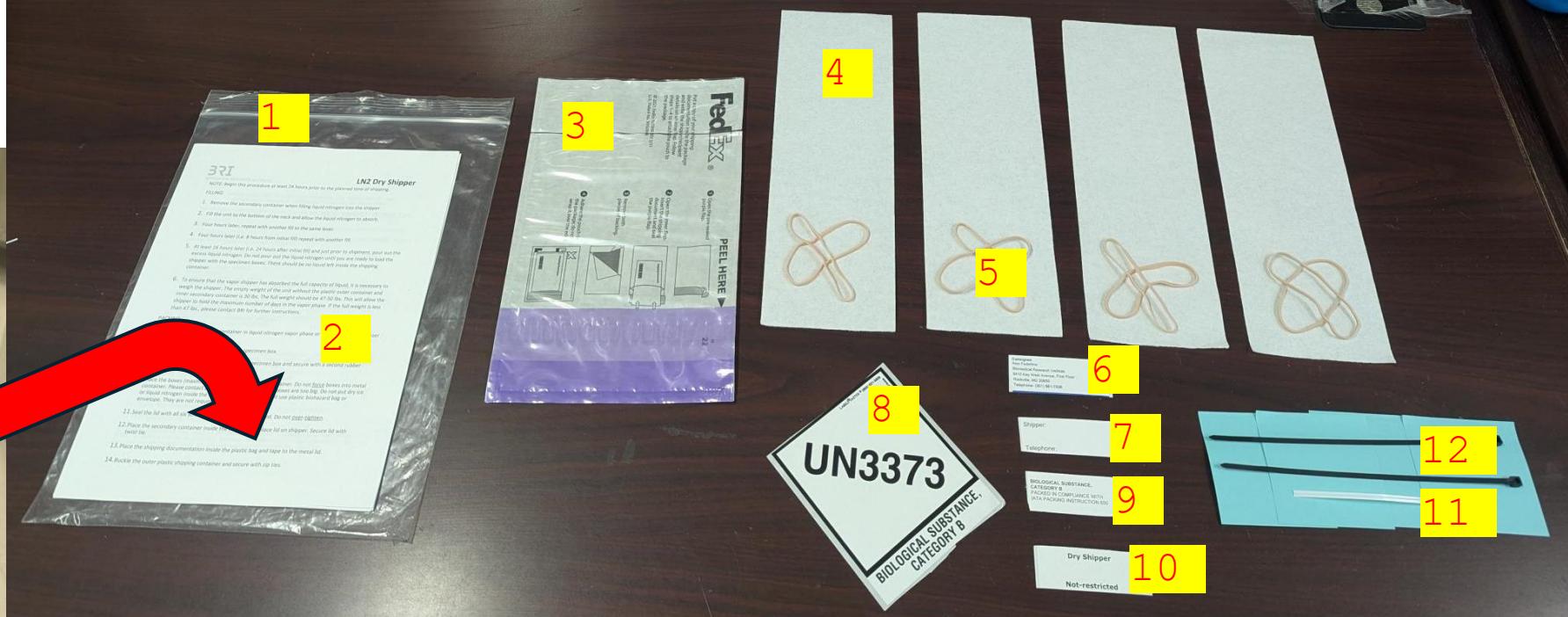
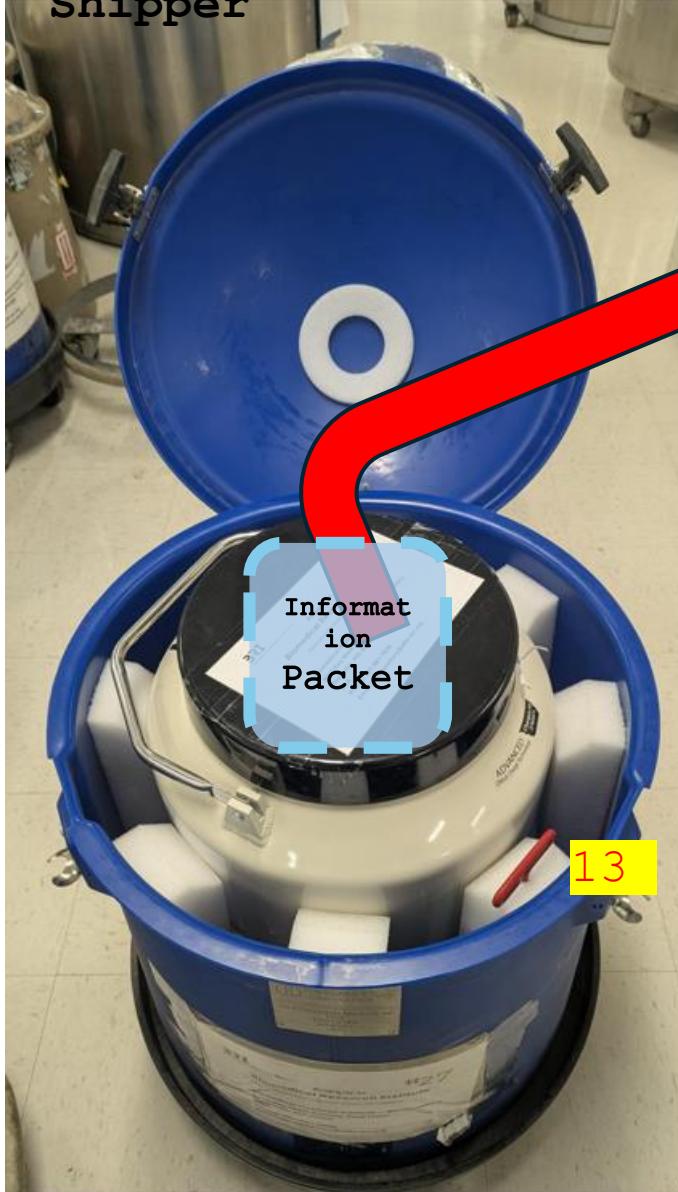
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Information Packet Sent in Empty LN₂ Shipper



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- ❖ 4 sample boxes can be shipped in one LN2 shipper
- ❖ supplies to ship 4 sample boxes provided in the information packet



4 **absorbent:** 1 sheet per sample box
5 **rubber bands:** 2 bands per sample box

PBMC Sample Box Requirements:



Reminders:

- PBMC specimens must **not** be stored and shipped to BRI in the same box with other specimen types such as serum or plasma
- PBMC specimens from multiple ACTG protocols can be sent in the same box unless otherwise stated in the protocol specific LPC

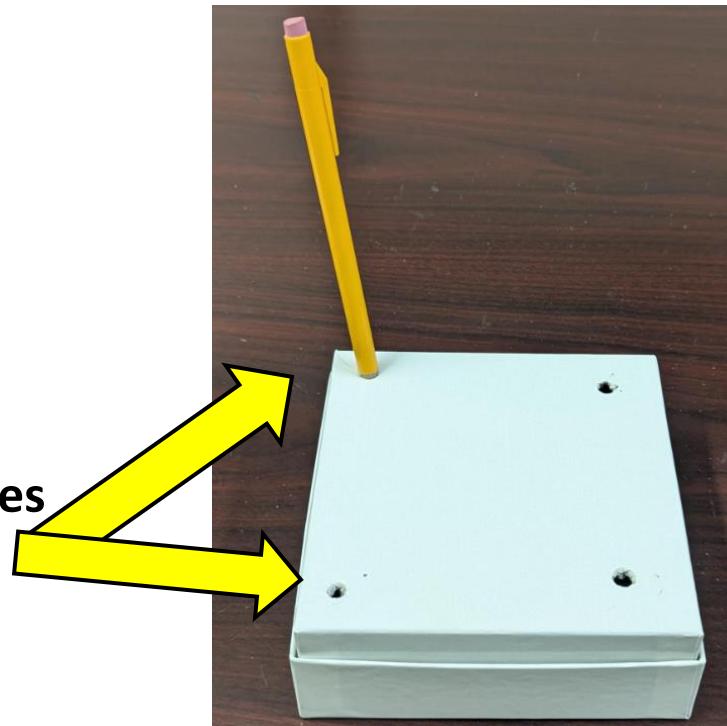


- **Boxes with vent holes must be used to ship PBMC samples to BRI**

No Plastic Boxes



- **If CRSs/laboratories do not have boxes with premade vent holes**
A hole can be punctured in the bottom of the box in each of the 4 corners

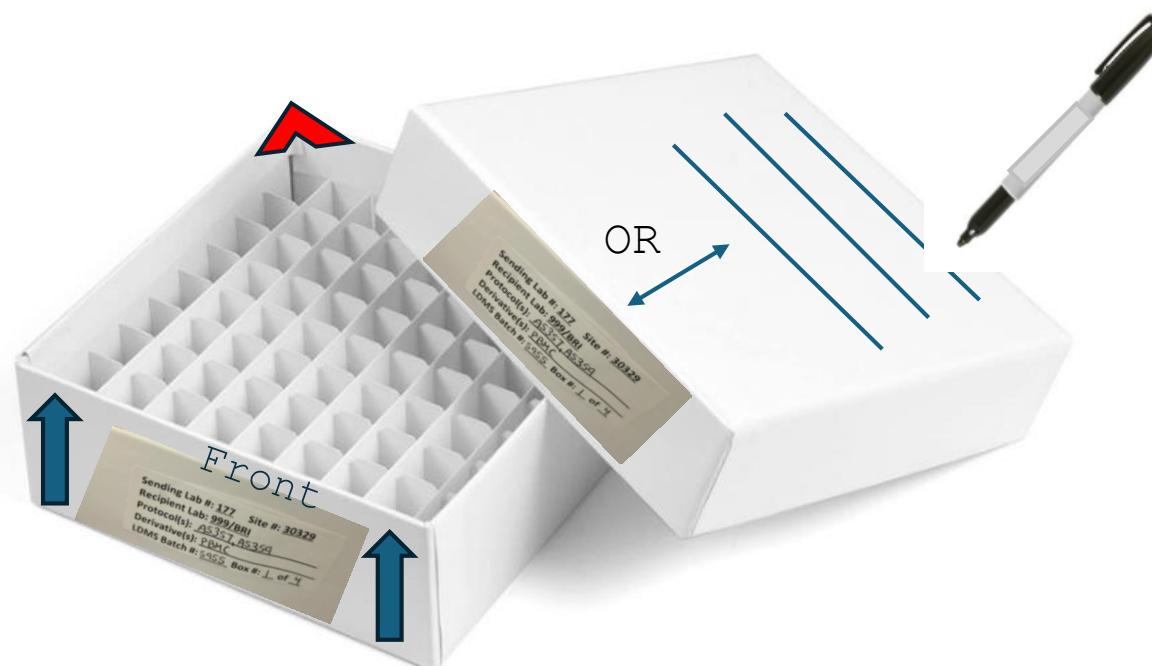
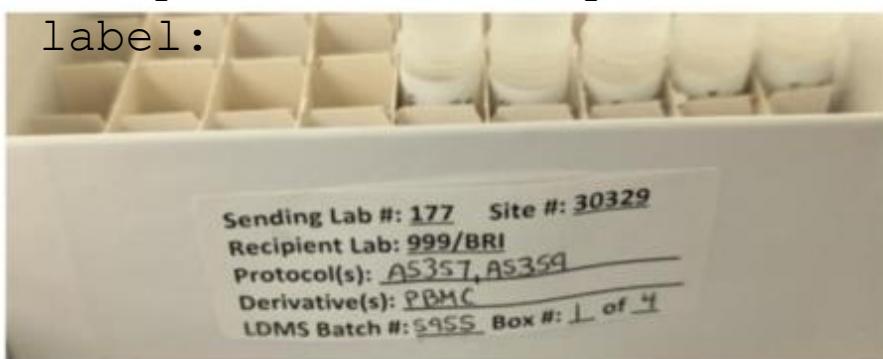


Sample Box Labeling Requirements:

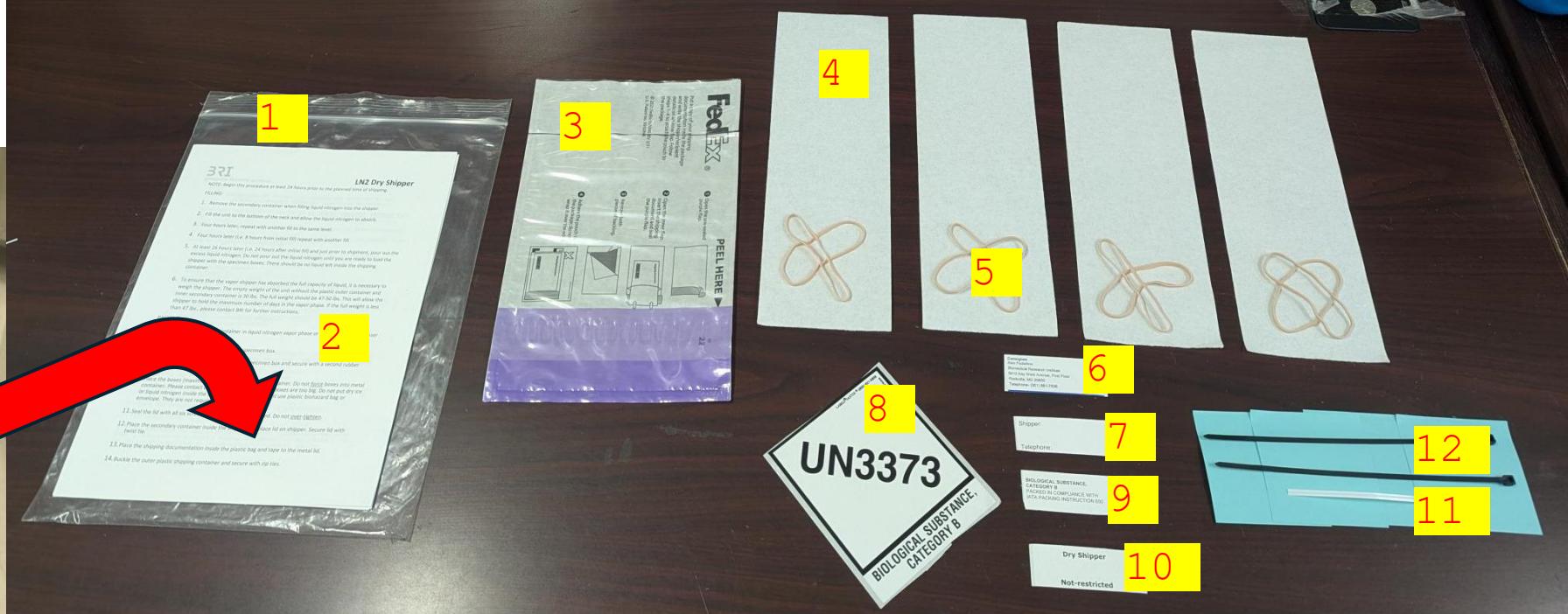
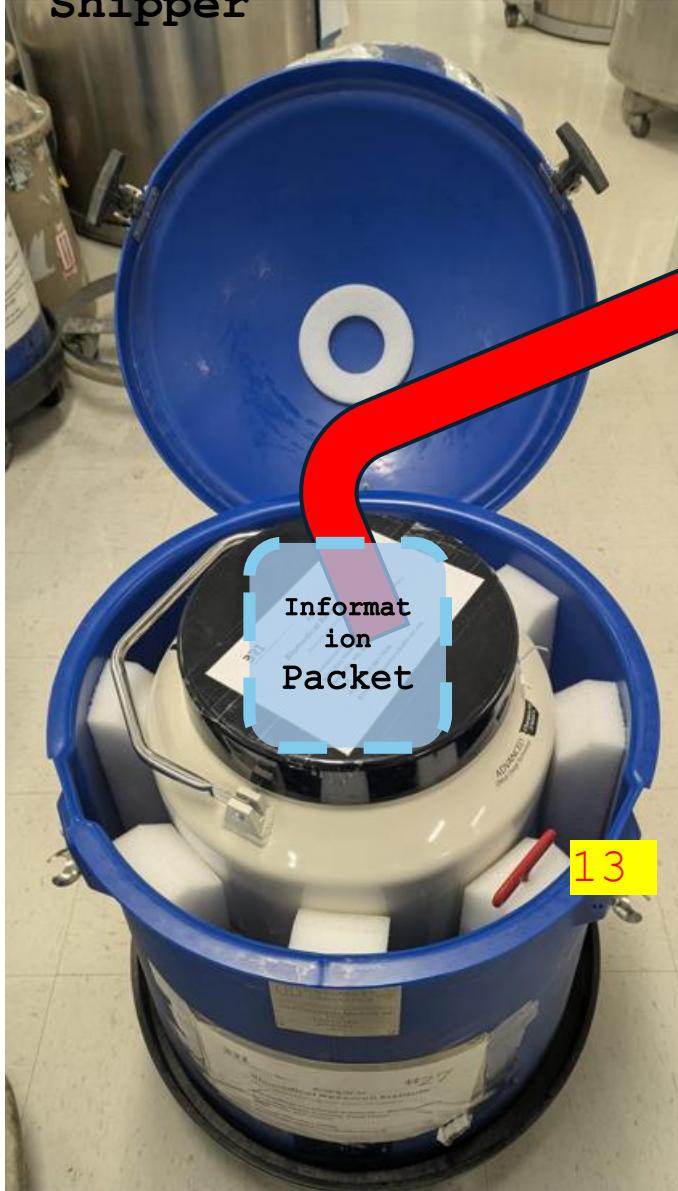
Sample boxes must be labeled with the following information on the **top** and **bottom** of the box:

- Sending lab Name and LDMS number
- Receiving lab (To: BRI/ Lab 999)
- LDMS Batch file #
- Box number when more than one box is in a batch
- Include a **mark** at A1 or (1,1) for box orientation

Example of PBMC sample box label:



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Labels for outgoing
shipment to BRI



LN₂ Shipper labels: To (Consignee) and
From (Shipper)

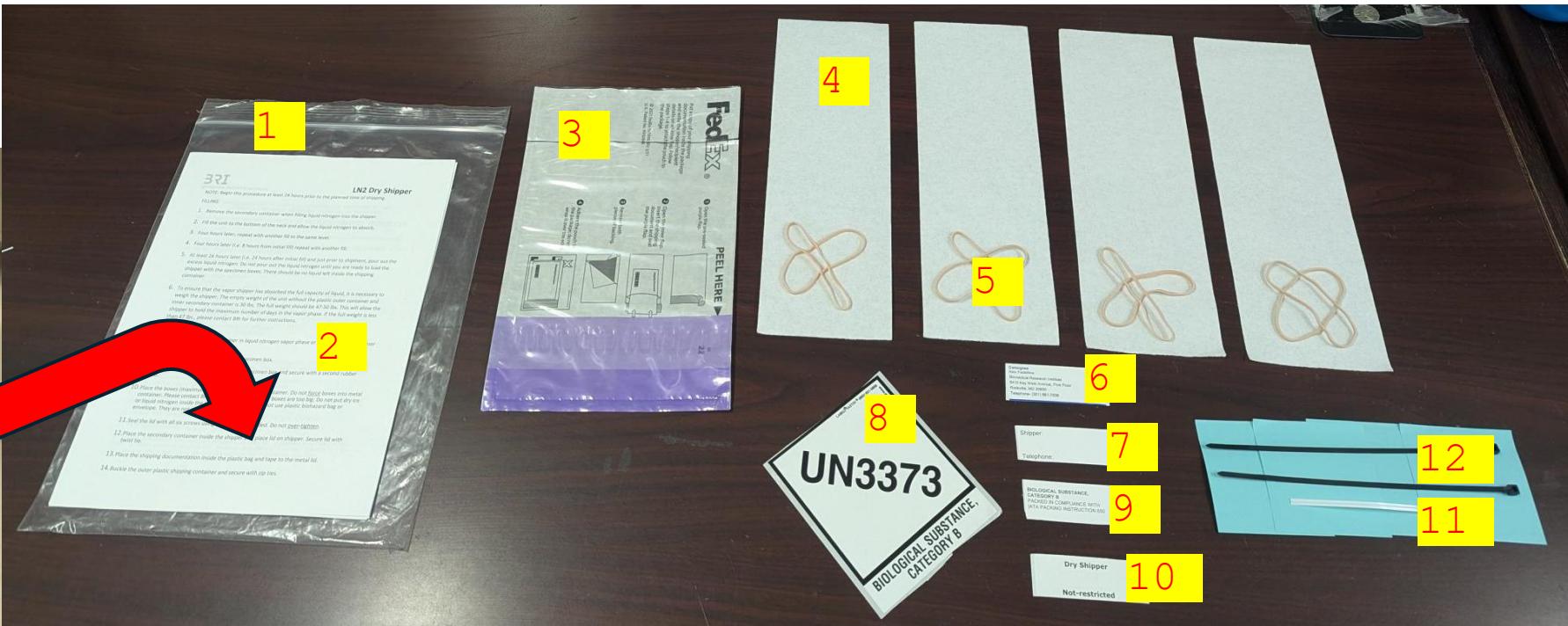
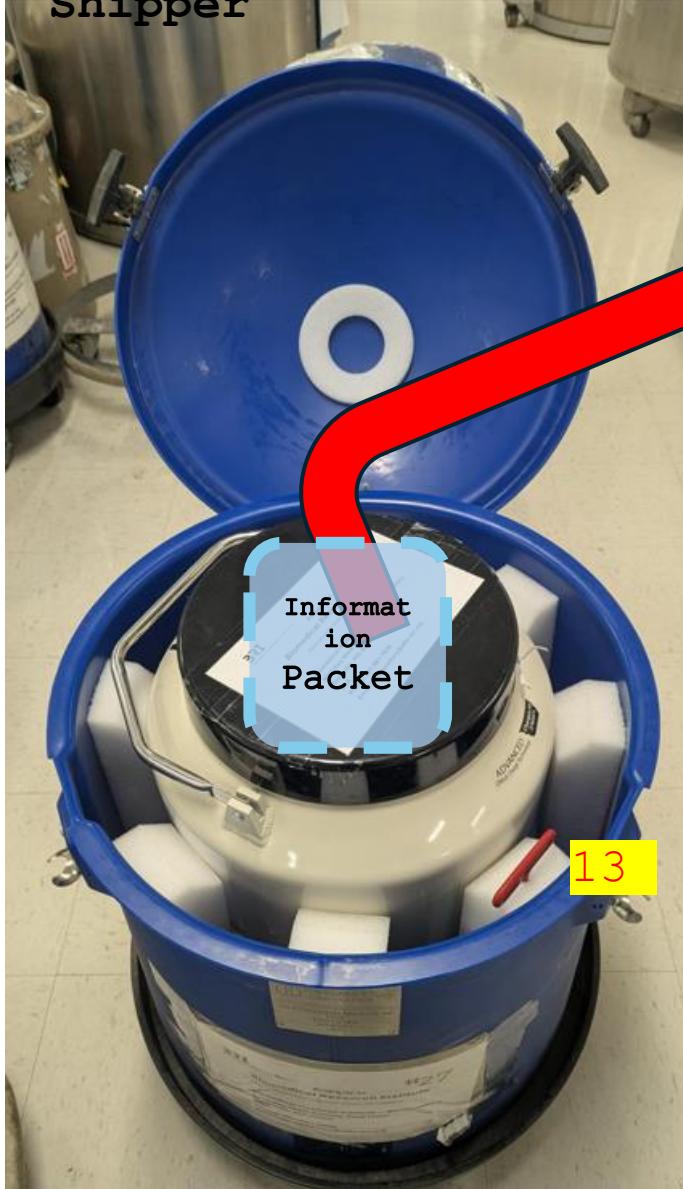
Consignee
Alex Federline
Biomedical Research Institute
9410 Key West Avenue, First Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
Telephone- (301) 881-7636

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Shipper:
Telephone:

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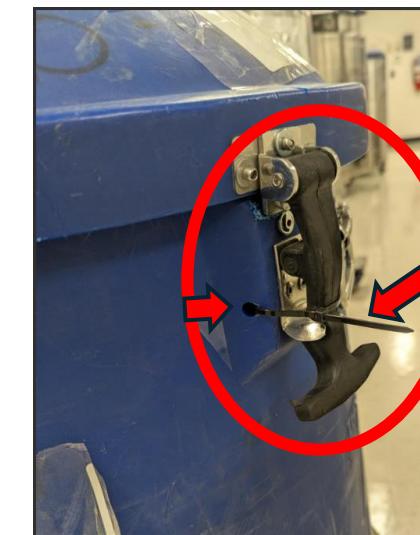
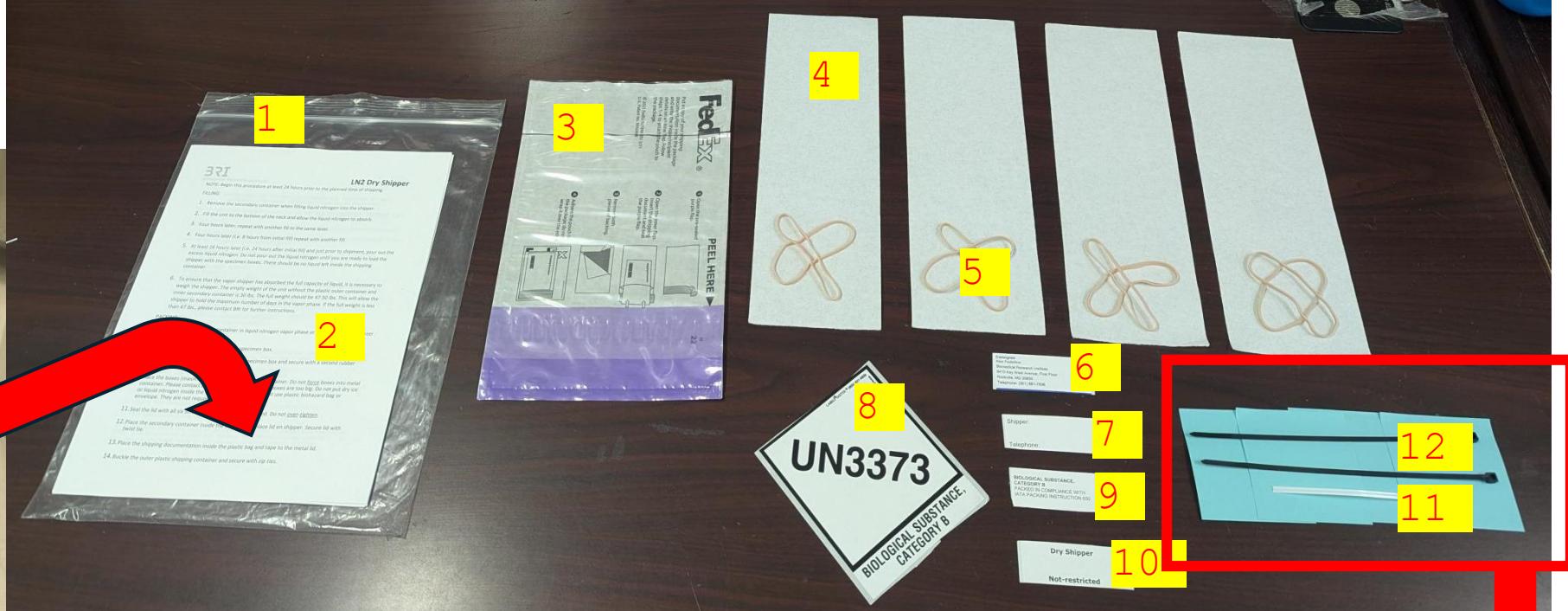
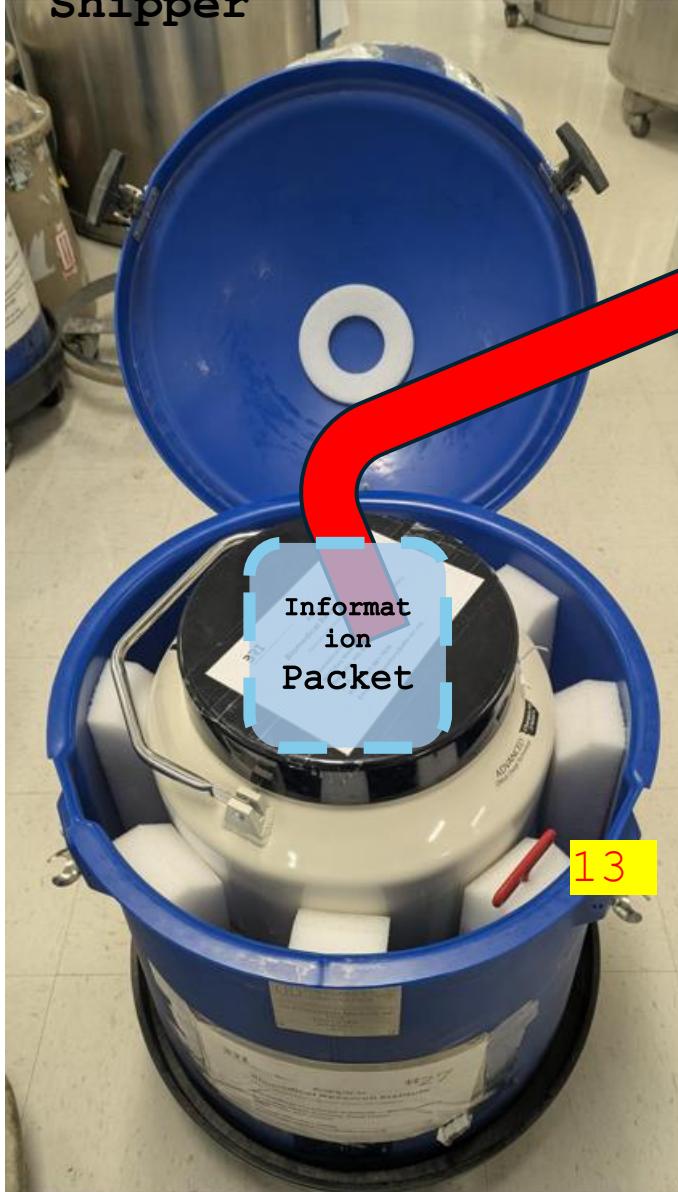
Labels for outgoing shipment
to BRI



LN₂ Shipper labels: What is being
shipped



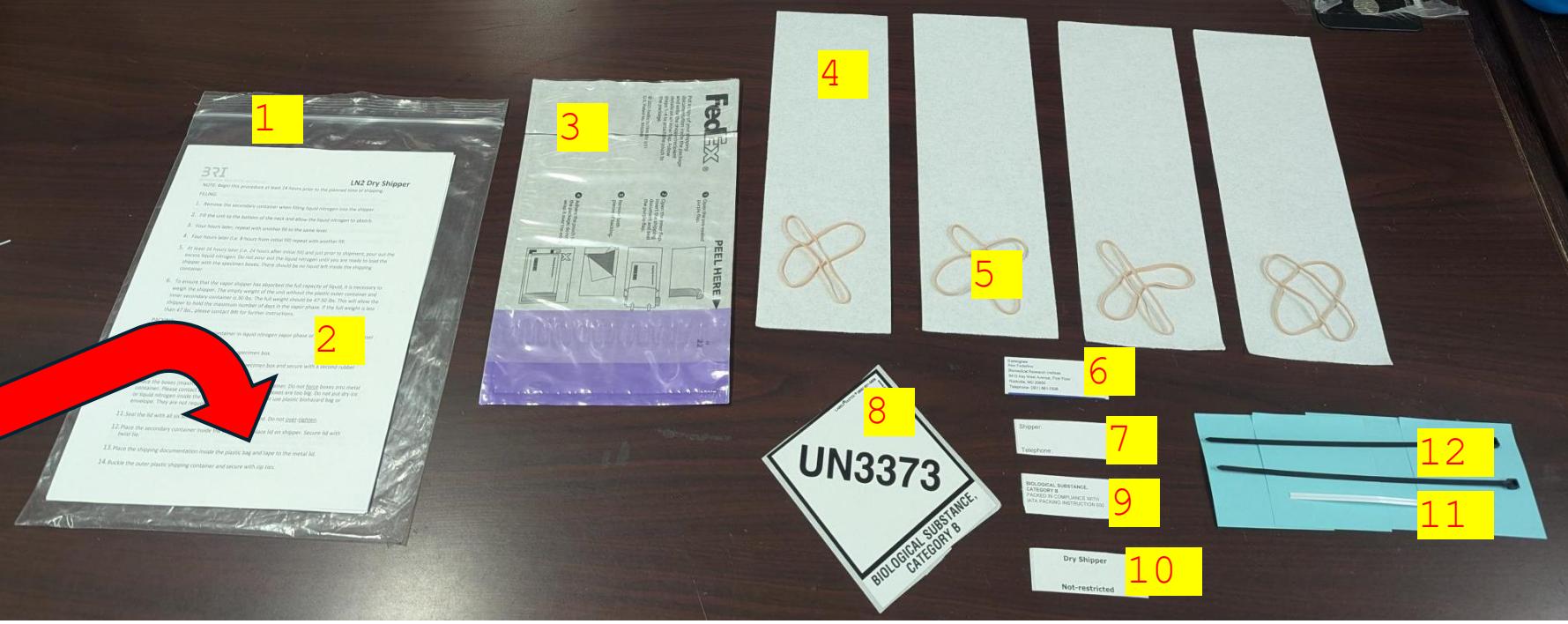
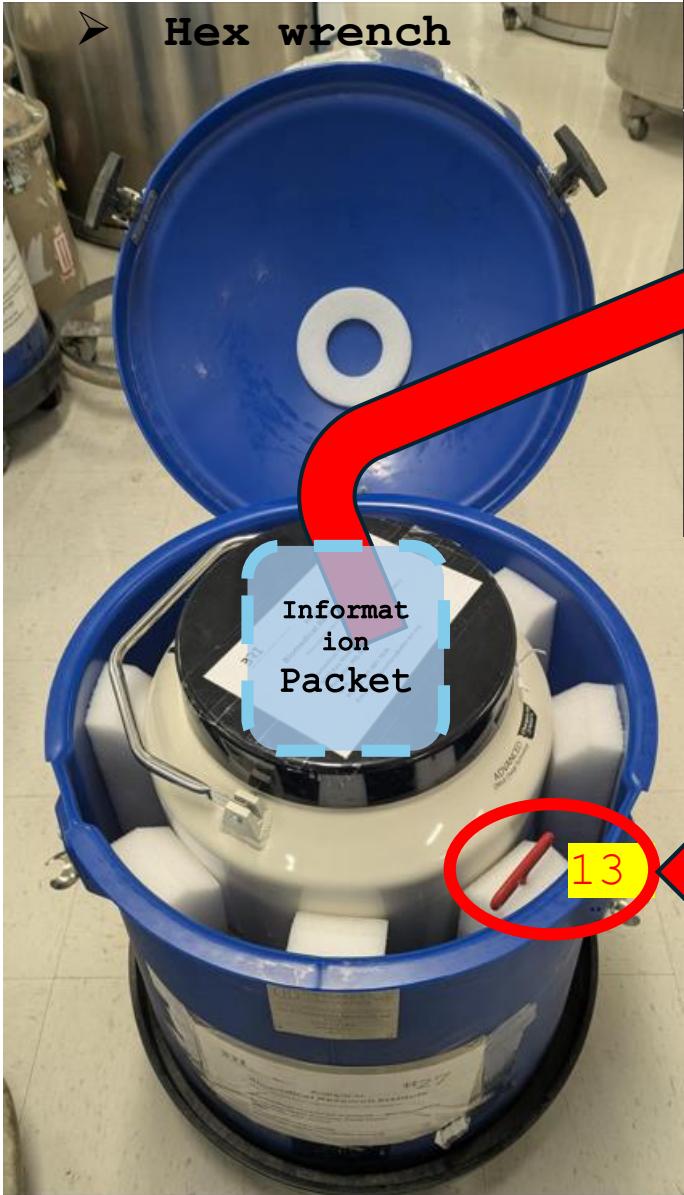
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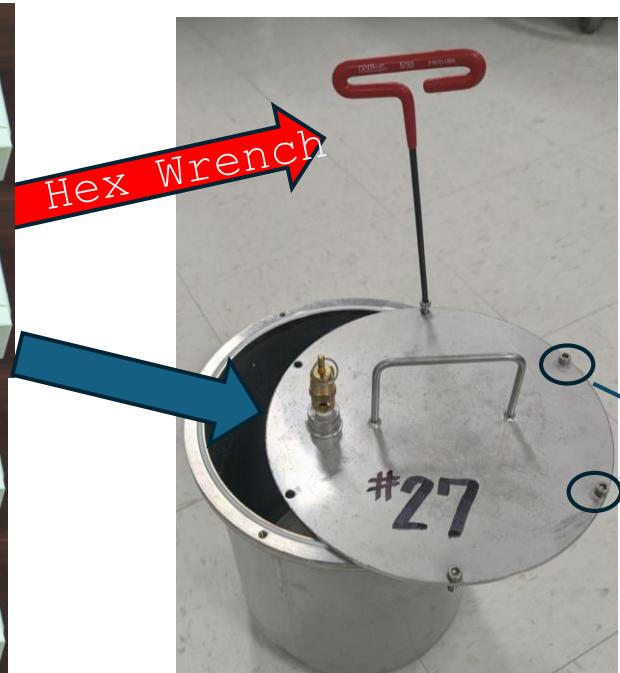
One zip tie per

Tool sent in Empty LN₂ Shipper

➤ Hex wrench



Hex Wrench: Used to loosen screws (open canister lid) and tighten screws (close canister). Sample boxes are shipped inside the canister.



screw
s
6 total
screws

Reminders:

LN₂ Dewer Charging Instructions:

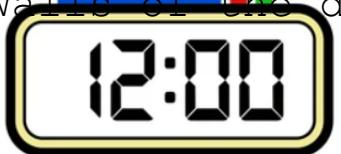
- Preparing and packing an LN₂ Shipper is a **2 Day** process
- Charging of the dewar needs to begin at least 24hrs prior to shipment pick-up by the courier

Day 1:



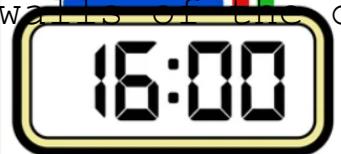
Initial Fill

- Fill Dewar with Liquid
- Fill up to color change line (Silver to Green)
- Allow Liquid Nitrogen to be absorbed into the walls of the dewar



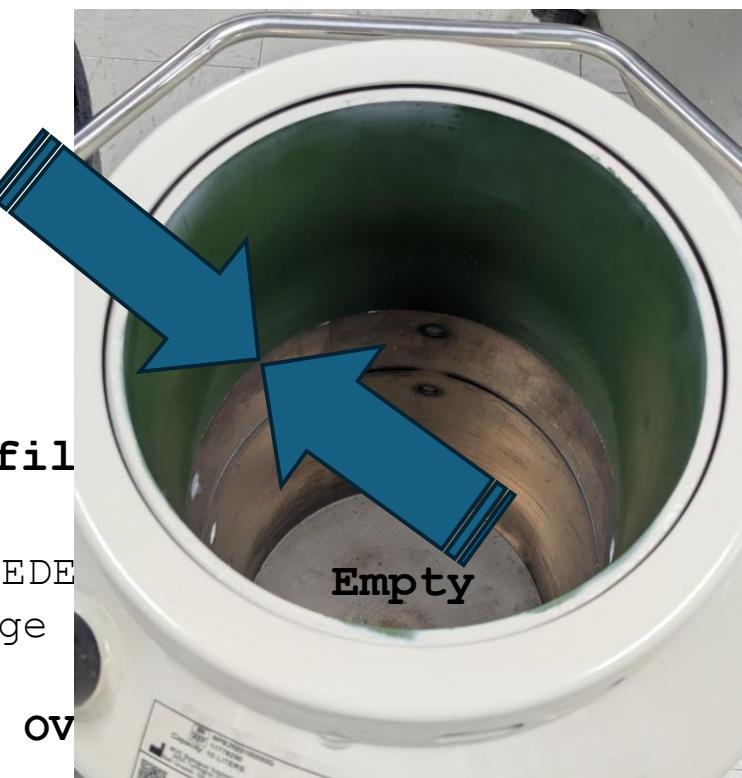
4hr after initial fill

- Add more Liquid Nitrogen into the dewar (level will have decreased from initial fill)
- Fill up to color change line (Silver to Green)
- Allow Liquid Nitrogen to be absorbed into the walls of the dewar



4 hours later (8hr after initial fill)

- Add/Top off the Liquid Nitrogen in the dewar (IF NEEDED)
- Liquid Nitrogen should be visible at the color change (Silver to Green)
- Allow Liquid Nitrogen to be absorbed into the walls over NIGHT



LN₂ Dewer Charging Instructions:

Day 2:



At least 24 hours after
~~*Do not perform step until ready to pack~~
the shipment



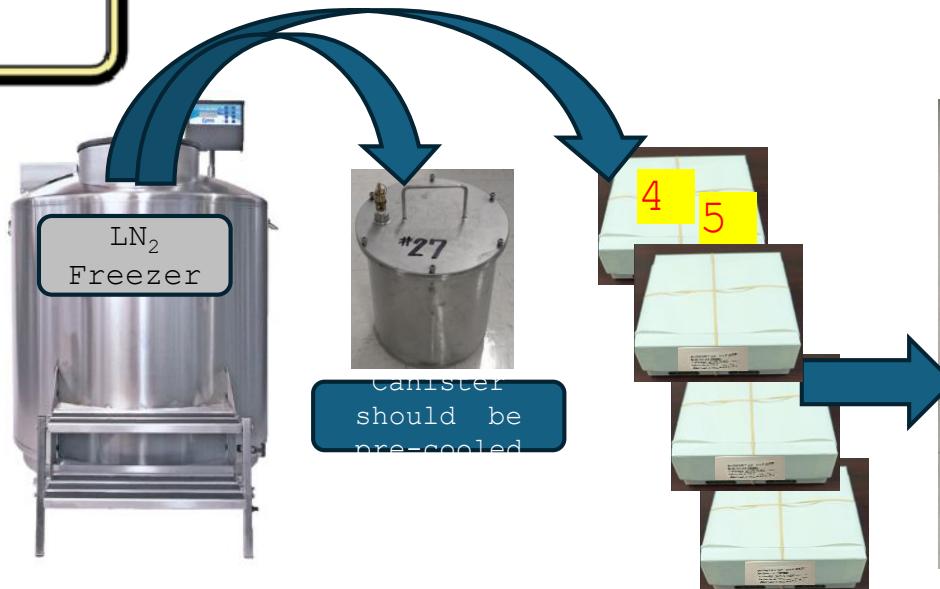
Pour out Liquid Nitrogen (hold dewar tilted/upside down for at least 30 sec) To remove excess liquid Nitrogen hold dewar tilted/upside again for 30 sec.

Weigh the dewar. A charged shipper should be **greater or equal to 47 lbs or 21.3kg.** (An empty dewar weighs 30 lbs or 13.6kg)

A properly charged LN₂ will hold temperature for 14 days

Shipment Packing

Prepare and pack sample boxes

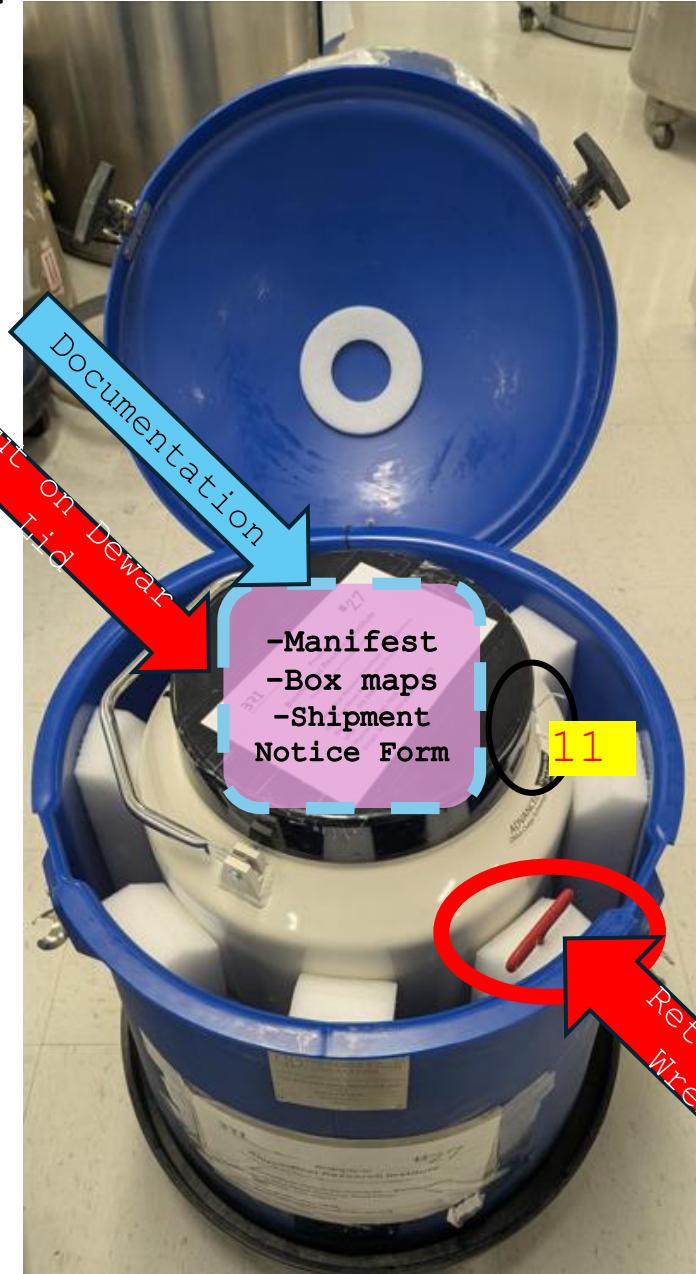


(≥ 47 lbs
 $/21.3\text{kg}$)

Shipment
Packing

Time

Pack the shipper



Paperwork/Documentation

Labels for outgoing shipment
to BPI

