

Tooth Ferry Kit:

- a Styrofoam box
- a few tubes full of liquid with antibiotics : “Shipping Medium”
- a few empty tubes
- a tooth diagram
- ice packs
- several return labels with alternate shipping addresses (commercial invoices for international shipments)

The tooth needs to arrive cold, not frozen, in medium or milk within 24 hours of falling out in order for the cells to be successfully grown in the lab.

A) Once you get the package, put the tubes with medium in your refrigerator until you need them. They are sterile and very stable, so you can use one for this time and keep the others around for awhile if you think it’ll be several months until they all fall out. Keep the shipping materials, including ice packs, to reuse later. (You can use the empty tubes to ship teeth in milk if you run out of tubes with antibiotics or if they expire.)

B) When a tooth falls out or is pulled, **immediately** rinse it in tap water and then drop it in the liquid in the tube with antibiotics, cap tightly and put it back in your refrigerator, and **contact Ruth (our lab tooth fairy) for further instructions.**

C) For shipping, you will use the Styrofoam box with the frozen ice packs include in the kit, OR pack the box FULL WITH CRUSHED ICE double-bagged in large zip lock bags.

Place the tube containing medium and the tooth in the center of the box, surrounded by ice, and mail to the addresses as listed below. Depending on the day of the week, and where you are shipping from, the shipping address may be different and it’s **important that Ruth confirms this with you** so you will use the right return label. **Ruth is available by cell any time** to discuss packing, shipping or other concerns. Sophia is available 8-5 EST to discuss shipping.

Generally:

Ship Mon – Thurs to:
(Mon-Wed for international shipments)

Ruth McCarrick-Walmsley
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
406 Stemmler Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Ship Friday to:
(Thursday for international shipments)

Ruth McCarrick-Walmsley
1016 Old Lancaster Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

For shipping on Friday (domestic) or Thursday (international), please contact Ruth or Sophia (see contact info below) to confirm the correct address for Saturday delivery in case Ruth is unavailable.

We won’t be able to use teeth lost on Sat. and Sun. because FedEx doesn’t ship overnight on those days. You may want to check local times for FedEx ahead of time to avoid missing the last pick-up (usually 5-7pm.)

International deliveries will arrive in 48 hours at best. Although not optimal, we’ve had success in about 70% of these shipments. It is especially important to confirm the shipping address in these cases!

Contact Information:

Ruth’s cell: (610)513-4470 **call any time** or [email](#)

Sophia Castro-Anderson: for shipping information 8-5pm EST (215)898-8653 or [email](#)

Dr. Eileen Shore: 215-898-2331 or [email](#)