

Instructions for Stool Specimen Collection:

When using any of the tests described below, it's important to remember that the liquids are POISONOUS. Do not ingest any of the liquids. Keep them out of the reach of children. Always collect the stool sample into a clean, dry container, such as a wide mouth jar or plastic storage container. Alternatively, you can place plastic wrap over the toilet.

Tests and Storage:

Ova and Parasites - Total Fix (Black Top)

- 1. Use spoon built into the lid of the container
- 2. Fill to line only
- 3. IMPORTANT: Keep specimen at room temperature

Fecal Leukocytes - Total Fix (Black Top)

- 1. Use spoon built into the lid of the container
- 2. Fill to line only
- 3. IMPORTANT: Keep specimen at room temperature

Giardia - Total Fix (Black Top)

- I. Use spoon built into the lid of the container
- 2. Fill to line only
- 3. IMPORTANT: Keep specimen at **room temperature**

<u>Cryptosporidium - Total Fix (Black Top)</u>

- 1. Use spoon built into the lid of the container
- 2. Fill to line only
- 3. IMPORTANT: Keep specimen at room temperature

Stool Culture - Para Pak (Orange Top)

- I. Use spoon built into the lid of the container
- 2. Fill to line only
- 3. IMPORTANT: Keep specimen at **room temperature**

C. Difficile - Sterile Container

- I. Use wooden sticks or plastic spoon
- 2. Place approximately one tbsp. of stool into container
- 3. IMPORTANT: **Refrigerate specimen**, should be a liquid stool specimen

Pancreatic Elastase - Sterile Container

- 1. Use wooden sticks or plastic spoon
- 2. Place approximately one tbsp. of stool into container
- 3. IMPORTANT: Refrigerate specimen

Calprotectin - Sterile Container

- I. Use wooden sticks or plastic spoon
- 2. Place approximately one tbsp. of stool into container
- 3. IMPORTANT: Freeze Specimen

Fecal Fat - Sterile Container

- I. Use wooden sticks or plastic spoon
- 2. Place approximately one tbsp. of stool into container
- 3. IMPORTANT: Freeze Specimen

H. Pylori - Sterile Container

- I. Use wooden sticks or plastic spoon
- 2. Place approximately one tbsp. of stool into container
- 3. IMPORTANT: Freeze Specimen

After collection:

- Wash hands thoroughly
- Check lids to be certain that they are tightly closed
- Label all containers with your name, date of collection, and date of birth