

STOOL CULTURE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before collecting stool sample, make sure you have the appropriate screw-capped tube containing transport fluid.
NOTE: This fluid may be poisonous. **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
2. The stool sample should be first passed into a clean, dry container. Acceptable containers include: a bedpan, a commode collection container, or a wide-mouthed container.
Other options include placing plastic wrap or foil over the toilet seat to collect the stool sample. For babies and small children, turn disposable diaper inside out or line with plastic wrap to prevent stool sample from being absorbed.
3. Urinate before you try to collect the stool sample.
DO NOT contaminate the stool samples with toilet water, urine, barium or mineral oil.
4. Once the stool sample has been obtained, open the transport tube and use the spoon attached to the cap to scoop the stool sample into the fluid. Add a sufficient amount of stool until the fluid comes up to the "Fill Line" on the tube. Mix contents thoroughly.
5. Replace cap and tighten securely.
6. Label container with your name, date and time of collection.
7. Transport specimen to testing laboratory as soon as possible. Store at room temperature. DO NOT refrigerate.