

STOOL SPECIMENS FOR PARASITES and PATHOGENIC BACTERIA

The stool specimen collection kit, which has been provided, contains:

1. Wide-mouthed collection cup
2. Three small plastic vials, each with a small spoon attached to the lid:
 - PVA fixative
 - 10% Formalin (Neutral)
 - Enteric Pathogen Transport

Note: PVA fixative and 10% formalin are POISON. If swallowed, drink large amount of milk or water and call your doctor immediately. Wash any area of your body that might have come in contact with any vial solution with soap and water.

(Instructions included with the specimen collection kit are written in English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, Hindi, Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, Chinese and Punjabi).

Stool Collection:

Note: Do not use a laxative before collecting the stool specimen.

1. Empty bladder. Collect stool specimen directly into the wide-mouthed collection cup (or any other clean, dry container, i.e. margarine container) or onto a clean piece of paper.
2. Select areas of the stool that are especially bloody or slimy. Using the spoon provided with each vial, place enough stool into each vial until liquid reaches the mark, "FILL LINE."
3. Mash the specimen in each vial until it is well mixed with fluid. Replace cap and tighten. Shake each vial vigorously until the specimen is well mixed.
4. Label each vial with patient's name and the date.
5. Place all three vial in the plastic bag and return to the laboratory as soon as possible. Keep specimen at room temperature, protected from heat. Refrigerate if there will be any delay.

Collecting a Stool Specimen from an Infant

Do not submit a specimen that has been in direct contact with a diaper. It is best to line the diaper with plastic wrap to avoid absorption. You may then lift the specimen out of the diaper in the plastic wrap and place in vials as instructed above.

Multiple specimens

If your Doctor has requested more than one specimen, please collect one every two to three days carefully following the instructions above at each collection. Individual specimens should be submitted as soon as possible after collection.