

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

STOOL SPECIMENS FOR BACTERIA CULTURE

You have been provided with a special container for stool culture analysis.

The container provided contains a solution. Do not discard. For accidental ingestion, contact a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. If contact with your eyes or skin, flush immediately with running water.

- Wash hands thoroughly
- Collect bowel movement into a clean, dry, wide-mouthed container. ie: margarine or ice cream container. The stool sample must not be contaminated by urine or water. **Do not** take specimen from the toilet bowl.
- Using the spatula attached to the lid of the special container, place enough specimen into the container to raise the liquid to the “fill” line marked on the outside of the container. **DO NOT FILL PAST ‘FILL LINE’**
- Secure lid tightly. Mix the stool by inverting or shaking container.
- Wash hands.
- Label the container with your name, date and time of collection.

If your doctor has ordered more than one stool sample to be collected then collect these on separate days.

DO NOT refrigerate specimen. Keep in brown bag provided. Bring all specimens to the laboratory as soon as you have collected the last one.

DO NOT COLLECT MULTIPLE SAMPLES ON THE SAME DAY. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RECOLLECT THEM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Laboratory.
For the results of your test, please contact your doctor.

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