

Stool Collection Instructions

WHAT YOU NEED:



Sterile collection cup with lid



Collection hat or clean, disposable container



Flat, wooden stick



Biohazard specimen bag



Laboratory requisition

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

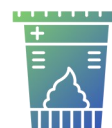


Wash your hands

DO NOT LABEL THE SPECIMEN BAG

Label the **sterile collection cup** with:

- Patient's full name
- Date of birth
- Date and time of collection



Do **NOT** collect stool from the toilet bowl or directly from your child's diaper

HOW TO COLLECT THE SAMPLE

1

Collect stool in a clean, dry container or collection hat



For infants or young children: Line the length of your child's diaper with plastic wrap to keep the stool from soaking into the diaper.



2

Avoid contaminating the sample with:



Urine



Water



Toilet paper



Soap or cleaning products

3

Using a clean disposable applicator, place stool into the sterile cup. (approx. 1/2 cup)



Secure the lid tightly.

4

Place the specimen cup in the biohazard bag



Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water

STORAGE & TRANSPORT



Refrigerate the specimen immediately (2-8°C / 36-46°F) after collection.



Do **NOT** freeze



Return the specimen to the laboratory within 24 hours of collection

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Do NOT:

- Overfill the collection cup
- Collect the specimen after using a rectal suppository unless instructed by your healthcare provider
- Collect the specimen during active menstrual bleeding or if there is visible bleeding from hemorrhoids unless instructed by your healthcare provider

Please note: There should be no creams or ointments on your child's bottom. However, if your child has a diaper rash, it is okay to use cornstarch, petroleum jelly (Vaseline®), or Resinol®. These products will not affect the test.