

Pinworm Exam

PURPOSE OF TEST

Your doctor has ordered this test to determine if Pinworm eggs are present. During the night, the female worm will lay eggs around the opening of the anus.

COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN

1. Obtain the special pinworm kit from the laboratory. The kit contains a plastic paddle with a sticky surface on one side.
2. Collect the specimen in the morning before arising, bathing, or having a bowel movement.
3. To collect the specimen:
 - a. Remove the cap from the plastic tube.
 - b. Remove the paddle from the tube and note the side marked "Sticky Side". For accurate results, **DO NOT touch** the sticky side of the paddle with your fingers.
 - c. Press the sticky side of the paddle against the area around the anus and then remove carefully.
 - d. Replace the paddle inside the plastic tube and put the cap back on.

LABELING THE SPECIMEN

Print the patient's full name, DOB, and the date and time the specimen was collected on the container.

STORAGE OF SPECIMEN/DELIVERY TO LAB

Return the tube containing the paddle to the laboratory. The tube does not need to be stored in the refrigerator.

If you have any questions about these instructions, please call the Client Service department at (219) 989-3700 or (800) 937-5521.

