INSTRUCTIONS FOR STOOL COLLECTION FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING.

IMPORTANT CAUTION: PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY. MAY CONTAIN SOLUTIONS THAT ARE POISONOUS. DO NOT DRINK, KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

You have been given a collection kit, which will help you conveniently collect a stool specimen. The kits preserve your specimen and help us do a better job and avoid costly repeat testing. This kit consists of 1, 2, 3 or 4 tubes, depending on what tests your physician ordered.

When you are finished, please be sure you have put some of your specimen in all the tubes.

PLEASE DON’T urinate on the specimen or in the collection container or pass the specimen into a toilet.

The stool should be passed into a clean, dry container. Use the white collection bucket given to you. You may also use a bedpan, large clean cool whip container or place a large plastic bag into a waste basket to catch the specimen.

Please note: All stools must be transferred to vials or screw cap containers.

If you are collecting stool on a child in diapers, line the diaper with plastic wrap. Transfer stool from diaper to tube(s).

Once the stool has been passed, open the tube (s) containing the liquid. Using the collection spoon built into the lid of the tube, place scoopfuls of stool from areas which appear bloody, slimy or watery into the tube until the contents rise to the red line. If the stool is formed (hard) please try to sample small amounts from each end and the middle.

Do not fill the tube past the red line.

Mix the contents of the tube with the spoon, then twist the cap tightly closed and shake the tube vigorously until the contents are well mixed. Repeat for each tube that contains liquid. If one of the tubes has no liquid in it, fill it to the red line with stool but do not mix or shake.

CHECK ALL CAPS TO BE CERTAIN THEY ARE TIGHTLY CLOSED.

Each tube must be labeled with:
Patient name
Date of birth
Date and time of collection.
Return the kit to the laboratory as soon as possible. If it will be longer than 1 hour, refrigerate all the tubes. Refrigerated specimens must be returned within 24 hours.

Wash your hands thoroughly. If any liquid from the tubes gets on your skin or in your eyes, flush with plenty of running water. If irritation develops, consult a physician.

ANTIDOTE IF SWALLOWED: Dilute by drinking 2-4 glasses of water. Immediately contact an emergency facility, poison information center or a physician to receive medical attention. Save the reagent vial; label information will be helpful for determining appropriate medical treatment.

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at 630-527-3450.