



## **PINWORM EXAMINATION COLLECTION GUIDELINES**

### **Materials supplied**

Pinworm paddle

Biohazard transport bags



### **Collection instructions:**

1. Time of collection is best immediately upon waking up in the morning.
2. Do not shower or bathe, have a bowel movement, wipe or clean the rectal area, or apply ointment to the skin in the rectal area until after collection of the specimen.
3. Pinworm eggs are very infectious. Wear gloves when collecting sample and wash hands immediately after collection.
4. Unwrap the paddle from its package prior to use. Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the tube. Set aside the tube.
5. To collect the specimen, use the "sticky side" of the paddle, which is labeled on the far end of the paddle near the cap. If you are not sure which side is the "sticky side," feel the end of the paddle with the fingertip to feel the stickiness.
6. In obtaining the sample, spread the buttocks and press the tacky surface of the paddle firmly against several areas (the right and left) of the peri-anal region. Do not press into the anus.
7. Return the paddle in the original tube for transport to the laboratory.
8. Place specimen inside the biohazard transport bag. Put the completed requisition in the side pouch of the bag.
9. Deliver to the microbiology laboratory at room temperature within 24 hours.