





Outpatient Stool Collection container guidelines for Patient Service Centers

TEST	CONTAINERS	COMMENTS	HANDLING
O&P (OVA & Parasite) or Cryptosporidium/Giardia	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> SAF Vial Orange Cap </div>	Transfer specimen to SAF preservative vial immediately after collection. Mix vial with spoon attached to vial cap or wooden tongue depressor. No more than one specimen per day. Deliver to the lab within 72 hours at room temperature. Recommend 2-3 samples per diarrheal episode (Sterile container is NOT Acceptable)	CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous Keep out of reach of children
Bacterial Culture (C&S) or <i>C. difficile</i>	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Cary Blair Vial Yellow Cap </div>	Transfer specimen to Cary Blair preservative vial immediately after collection. Mix vial with spoon attached to vial cap or wooden tongue depressor. No more than one specimen per day. Deliver to the lab within 72 hours at room temperature. Bacterial (enteric pathogens); no more than 2 specimens per diarrheal episode. Sterile container NOT acceptable <i>C. difficile</i> ; no more than 1 specimen per diarrheal episode.	CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous Keep out of reach of children
<i>C. difficile</i> <i>H. pylori</i> antigen Lactoferrin Pancreatic Elastase	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Sterile Cup </div>	<i>C. difficile</i> : test within 72 hours of collection No more than 1 specimen per diarrheal episode <i>H. pylori</i> antigen: test within 72 hours of collection Lactoferrin : test within 48 hours of collection Pancreatic elastase : test within 72 hours of collection No more than one specimen per day	Must be delivered under refrigeration by courier
Fecal Fat Qual Or Sudan Stain		Random Test within 4 days (96 hours) of collection	Must be delivered under refrigeration by courier

LID COLORS VARY. ALWAYS CHECK THE LABEL FOR VIAL/CONTAINER FORMULAS