



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE

Stool Collection

1. Collect stool in a clean, dry container. A washed butter dish or a specimen container provided by the lab may be used. Do not let the specimen touch the toilet water.
2. For babies it is acceptable to line a diaper in saran wrap and then transfer the specimen from the saran wrap to a clean specimen container. It is also acceptable to collect a stool swab from an infant. You must obtain the swab from the laboratory in advance.
3. For toddlers, do not take specimens out of a potty bowl. You may line the in saran wrap and then transfer the specimen from the saran wrap to a clean specimen container.
4. Label specimens with first and last name, date of birth, and time and date of collection. Return the specimen to the laboratory within one hour of collection, or refrigerate immediately.