Stool Collection Instructions

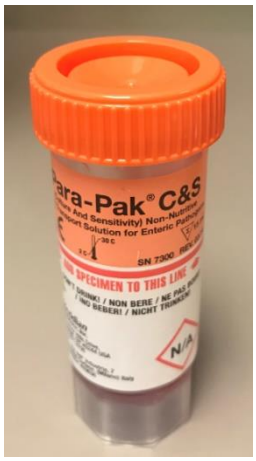
1. Place plastic “Hat” on commode
2. DO NOT URINATE IN HAT! For Stool Collection only.
3. Use “Paddles” or wooden sticks to place stool in containers
4. Please carefully read instructions for your specific test.
5. Make sure your Name & Date of Birth is on all containers.
6. Keep paperwork separate from Specimens.

Ova and Parasites

Yellow Top Container

RETURN WITHIN 72 HOURS

1. Collect only one specimen in a 24 hour period
2. Fill container (yellow lid) with enough stool to raise fluid level to the red line.
3. Twist cap on tightly and shake vigorously.
4. Return specimens to lab as soon as possible. If there are three (3) specimens ordered, wait until the third is collected and return them all at once.



Enteric Pathogens (Culture and Sensitivity)

Orange Top Container

RETURN WITHIN 72 HOURS

1. Collect only one specimen
2. Fill container (orange lid) with enough stool to raise fluid level to the red line.
3. Twist cap on tightly and shake vigorously.

Rotovirus/ WBC/ Fecal Heme/ PH/ Reducing Substances

Plain Container

(No Preservative in container)

Refrigerate and return to the lab within 24 hours

1. Place stool specimen in empty container.
2. Collect only one specimen

- Place name and date of birth on the container. Keep paperwork separate from sample.
- Refrigerate sample, if needed, and return to the lab within 24-72 Hours based on the test
- Wash your hands after collecting the sample.

All specimens must be delivered to the outpatient lab during business hours only. This reduces the chance of a recollect.

Your doctor will discuss the results of these tests with you on your return visit. If you have any questions regarding collection, you may call (859) 301-5649 or (859) 301-2170 for assistance.