

Laboratory Services

Pinworm Collection

Your doctor has ordered a test to determine if pinworms are present. Below are instructions for pinworm collection. It is important to follow these instructions. Any changes may result in inaccurate test results. If you have any questions, be sure to ask your provider for assistance.

The ideal time for specimen collection is early in the morning before arising and before emptying the bowels.

Read through all instructions before beginning, they are in the kit provided.

COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS

- **Collecting the Specimen**
 - Call local St Luke's Laboratory for a collection kit, unless received by the Provider.
 - Patient or patient caregiver is to utilize the pinworm paddle for collection of specimen.
 - Remove cap which has the paddle attached. You will be able to see the side marked "sticky side". Do not touch this side with your fingers.
 - Press the sticky surface against the perianal skin with moderate pressure.
 - Place paddle back into the tube.
 - Label the specimen with patient's full name, date of birth, date/time of collection, and provider that ordered the sample.
 - Prepare the specimen for transport.
 - Place the labeled specimen in a biohazard bag.
 - Transport the specimen to the laboratory or provider (as instructed), within 24 hours. Specimen is stable for 7 days at room temperature.
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