

## 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.

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

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

#### COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Call local St Luke's Laboratory for a collection kit, unless received by the Provider.
- A pinworm paddle is provided 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 anus with moderate pressure.
- Place paddle back into the transport tube and tighten the lid.
- Label the Specimen
  - **Label must include Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth, and Date and Time of collection.**

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Patient label must be complete and legible for the sample to be accepted by the laboratory. Label must be attached to the container, NOT the lid.

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- 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