

Stool Collection Guide

GI PCR Panel Plus Stool Culture	Ova and Parasite Exam (O&P)	<i>C. difficile</i> toxin	Fecal Occult Blood
			
<p>Collection Container – Stool culture kit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 vial with Cary Blair (orange or green lid) • 1 empty vial (clear lid) • 1 set of collection instructions • 1 ziplock bag <p>Do not use if pink indicator fluid color fades or turns yellow.</p>	<p>Collection Container – O&P kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Zinc-PVA Fixative vial (gray lid) <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Formalin vial (pink lid) <p>Must send both vials</p>	<p>Collection Container - Sterile cup</p> <p>5 – 10 mL fresh stool</p> <p>Specimens in media (such as Cary Blair) are not accepted</p> <p>Formed stools are not accepted</p>	<p>Collection Container - Sterile cup</p> <p>Fresh stool applied to occult blood card</p>
<p>Fill to line. Do not overfill!</p> <p>Use a tongue depressor or collection spoon attached to lid</p> <p><i>Vigorously shake fluid vials.</i></p>	<p>Fill to line. Do not overfill!</p> <p>Use a tongue depressor or collection spoon attached to lid</p> <p><i>Vigorously shake fluid vials.</i></p>		<p>Scrape surface of fecal sample with the sampling probe, completely covering the grooved portion. Apply to occult blood card</p>
<p>Stability:</p> <p>Preserved stool 72 hours ambient</p> <p>Fresh stool, 30 minutes ambient</p>	<p>Stability:</p> <p>Indefinite / ambient</p>	<p>Stability:</p> <p>Deliver to lab immediately</p> <p>Refrigerate if offsite ≤ 24 hours</p>	<p>Stability:</p> <p>10 days ambient</p>