

Stool Sample for Lab Testing

Collection:

Child in diapers –Remove stool from your child’s diaper and put in the container(s) provided within 20 minutes of bowel movement.

Toilet trained child – Position the collection hat on the toilet. Have your child go to the bathroom so the stool drops into the container. Put the stool in the container(s) provided within 20 minutes of bowel movement.

Containers:

- GREEN Cap: Cary Blair Media** for bacteria culture
 1. Do not pour out liquid.
 2. Place stool in container within 20 minutes of collection.
 3. Open lid and place stool in container. Do not fill over the line.
 4. Close lid tightly.
 5. Write all the following information on the container:
 - a. First and last name of your child
 - b. Date of birth (month, day and year)
 - c. Collection date and time
 6. Place container in refrigerator.

- PINK & GRAY Caps: Zinc PVA and 10% Formalin Media** for parasites
 1. Do not pour out liquid.
The liquids in these 2 containers are TOXIC and must be kept away from children.
 2. Place stool in these containers within 20 minutes of collection.
 3. Open lid and place stool in both containers. Do not fill over the line.
 4. Close lid tightly.
 5. Write all the following information on the container:
 - a. First and last name of your child
 - b. Date of birth (month, day and year)
 - c. Collection date and time
 6. Keep these containers at room temperature.

- GREEN Cap: Plain Sterile Container** for other tests
 1. Place stool in this container within 20 minutes of collection.
 2. Open lid and place stool in container. Fill ¼ to ½ full.
 3. Close lid tightly.
 4. Write all the following information on the container:
 - a. First and last name of your child
 - b. Date of birth (month, day and year)
 - c. Collection date and time
 5. Place container in refrigerator.

Important:

Return containers to the CMH Laboratory within 24 hours of collection

Specimens received more than 24 hours after collection may have to be recollected