



COLLECTION PROCEDURE

FECAL FATS – QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

Dear Patient:

You have been asked by your physician to collect a stool specimen. Please read and follow the instructions provided below.

- It is important to indicate the date and time of stool passage and write this on the lines provided on the container.
- Stool specimens should be passed into a clean, dry container or onto a clean paper and then transferred to the container you have been provided with.
- Liquid stools need to be collected into a clean, dry bowl or basin and then transferred to the container.
- All stool specimens should be brought to the lab immediately after time collection is finished. **If not possible, refrigerate fresh stool.**

Certain drugs and compounds will render stool specimens unsatisfactory for examination.

- Do not use suppositories or mineral oil before the specimen is collected.
- Oily material (e.g. cream, lubricants, etc.) should be avoided prior to collection.

PLEASE NOTE:

STOOL SPECIMENS TRANSFERRED FROM THE TOILET BOWL TO THE CONTAINER ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

- **STOOL SPECIMENS MIXED WITH URINE ARE ALSO NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

If you have any questions, please call Client Services, Interpath Lab at 800-700-6891.