



COLLECTION PROCEDURE

REDUCING SUBSTANCES AND FECAL FATS – QUALITATIVE 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 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 fresh stool specimens should be brought to the lab immediately if possible.
Please return no later than 24 hours after collection. This does not require refrigeration.

Certain drugs and compounds will render stool specimens unsatisfactory for examination. Among these are anti-diarrheal compounds, antibiotics, antacids, bismuth and barium. Stool specimens should be collected before these compounds are used or otherwise delayed until the effects have passed.

Antibiotics: Wait 2 to 3 weeks after completion

Barium or Bismuth: Wait 7 to 10 days after completion

Gallbladder Dyes: Wait 3 weeks after completion

PLEASE NOTE:

- **STOOL SPECIMENS TRANSFERRED FROM THE TOILET BOWL TO THE CONTAINER ARE NON 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