COLLECTION PROCEDURE

STOOL CULTURE

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 can be collected into a clean, dry bowl or basin and then transferred to the container.

You have been provided with enteric pathogen transport media for collection, please use spoon in container to transfer stool. Fill to line, cap tightly, and shake to mix.

Return the enteric transport media/specimen mix to lab within 48 hours of collection. DO NOT REFRIGERATE.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

• STOOL SPECIMENS MIXED WITH URINE, RESIDUAL SOAP, OR DISINFECTANTS ARE ALSO NOT ACCEPTABLE.

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