



## 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.**