



COLLECTION PROCEDURES

STOOL OVA AND PARASITES

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.
- If you have been given more than one set of ova and parasite collection tubes, the specimens should be collected 2-3 days apart.
- You have been provided with transport media (PVA/formalin) for ova and parasite collection please use spoon in each container to transfer stool. Fill to line, cap tightly, and shake to mix. **Return transport media/specimen mix to the lab within 48 hours of collection. DO NOT REFRIGERATE.**

Certain compounds will render stool specimens unsatisfactory for examination. Stool specimens should be collected before these compounds are used or otherwise delayed until the effects have passed. Wait 1 week or more after barium procedures or laxative administration.

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.