

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR STOOL CULTURE AND SHIGA TOXIN COLLECTION

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 two (2) enteric pathogen transport media (ETM) tubes for collection, please use spoon in container to transfer stool. For each tube, fill to line, cap tightly, and shake to mix. **Please label one tube “room temperature” and store at room temperature. Label the other tube “refrigerated” and store refrigerated. Return both to lab within 48 hours of collection.**

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 Interpath Lab at 800-700-6891 and ask for Client Services.