

**PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR C-DIFFICILE, H. PYLORI, ROTAVIRUS, ELECTROLYTES,  
OSMOLALITY STOOL 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 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. **If there is a delay, please refrigerate upon collection. Refrigerated specimens must reach the lab within 24 hours of collection.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **STOOL SPECIMENS TRANSFERRED FROM THE TOILET BOWL TO THE CONTAINER ARE UNSATISFACTORY.**
- **STOOL SPECIMENS MIXED WITH URINE ARE ALSO UNSATISFACTORY.**

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