
DIRECTIONS FOR STOOL SPECIMEN

1. Place the plastic white hat on the toilet to collect the stool specimen. You may also use a tongue depressor to place the sample in the collection container. Do not allow urine in stool sample!
If the stool specimen is from a child with a diaper, you can collect a sample from the diaper. If diaper contains runny diarrhea, turn the diaper inside out and allow stool to run into collection container.
2. Follow the instructions for YOUR color container:
GREEN OR WHITE LID:
 - Collect at least two tablespoons of stool.
 - Keep the container cool (on ice in a cooler or in the refrigerator) until you return it to the Lab. Keep frozen if it will be more than 72 hours from specimen collect until you return it to the lab.PINK, GRAY, AND / OR ORANGE:
 - There needs to be enough stool to fill the liquid to the Red Line. Please do not overfill as this affects the accuracy of testing!
 - You do not have to cool or refrigerate your specimen.***NOTE:** If you have been instructed to collect a specimen for 3 days, return all 3 specimens within 4 days from the time first specimen was collected.
3. When the specimen is returned to the front desk of our Lab, it **MUST** be in the BioHazard Plastic Bag (the clear and orange baggie) you were provided.
4. Within 48-72 hours of collection, return specimen to the front desk of our Lab between 7:30 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday. Do not allow specimen to sit for several days or over a weekend before returning to Lab.

DIRECTIONS FOR OCCULT BLOOD STOOL

1. When collecting a stool specimen for an Occult Blood Stool Test, follow the instructions inside the envelope. (The instructions explain types of food to eat for the test, etc.)
IMPORTANT: Open and use only the side of the card *with the patient name sticker*.