

## Stool Specimen Collection Instructions



The liquids in this container are hazardous!!

- **DO NOT REMOVE THE LIQUID FROM THE VIAL.**
- **DO NOT DRINK**
- **KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN**

### **Information:**

You have been requested to collect stool sample(s) for laboratory analysis. The collection set may contain 1, 2 or 3 vials, or may contain multiple sets of vials to be collected over several days. Multiple sets of specimens should be collected on separate days at least 24-48 hours apart.

**It is important that you follow the instructions carefully.**

### **Collection Procedure:**

1. Wash your hands before beginning the procedure.



2. Place White Collection "Hat" between the toilet seat and the toilet bowl to collect the stool specimen. **Do not place any toilet paper into the container or urinate into the specimen.**
  - **DO NOT**: Pass the specimen directly into the toilet.
  - **DO NOT**: Pass the specimen directly into the vial.
  - **DO NOT**: Urinate on the specimen.
  - **DO NOT**: Allow water to mix with the specimen.
3. Carefully open the vial. **DO NOT** remove the liquid preservative that is present in the vial.
4. Using the spoon attached to the inside of the cap, collect small amounts of stool from areas that are mucoid, watery or bloody. If the stool is formed, collect small amounts from both ends and the middle of the specimen.  
Fill to the **red line** on the vial. **DO NOT** overfill the vial.
5. Mix the specimen with the spoon in the cap. Tighten the cap securely and shake to mix the specimen with the liquid.
6. If you have multiple vials repeat Steps 3-5 for each vial. Use the spoon in each cap to fill that vial.
7. Label specimen:
  - **First and Last Name**      **\*\*UNLABELED SPECIMENS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\***
  - **Date of Birth**
  - **Date and time of collection.**
8. Discard White Collection "Hat" - Do not return to laboratory.
9. Place labeled specimens in a sealed specimen bag and return to the laboratory along with the order for the test(s) to be performed.
10. Follow guidelines below for storage and delivery requirements.

## Hunterdon Medical Center Laboratory Stool Collection and Containers

**Important Note:** Each specimen must be labeled with patient's first and last name, patient's date of birth and date and time of collection.

Stool Culture for Enteric Pathogens



**C&S Media**  
Orange Cap  
Store at room temperature  
Deliver within 24 hours

Ova and Parasites  
Eco-Fix and Clean Container



Ova and Parasites  
Eco-Fix and C&S

**Eco-Fix** -Dark Green Cap  
Store at room temp.  
**AND EITHER**  
**Clean Container**  
White Cap  
Refrigerate after collection  
**OR**  
**C&S Container**  
Orange Cap  
Store at room temperature  
Deliver **each set** of specimens as soon as possible after collection.  
**Multiple specimens MUST be 24-48 hours apart.**

C Diff  
Fecal WBC's  
Fecal Fat  
Fecal pH  
Rotavirus  
Fecal Chemistry testing



**Clean Container**  
White Cap  
Refrigerate after collection.  
Deliver within 24 hours.