CHECK TEST NEEDED	COLLECTION CONTAINER	Minimum VOLUME of fresh stool required	ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN CRITERIA
Stool culture LAB223	 Collection Hat Wooden depressor stick Sterile lab specimen cup 	½ teaspoon	 Label lab cup with full patient name and date of birth. Fresh stool should be delivered to the lab ASAP, within 24 hours of collection. Store cup containing specimen in a cool environment (not with food) if delayed more than 2 hours.
Ova & Parasite LAB955	Collection Hat Wooden depressor stick Zinc-PVA/Formalin OR Sterile lab specimen cup	1 Tablespoon	 If collecting in Zinc-PVA/Formalin vials: Follow instructions in kit provided. Label lab vials with full patient name and date of birth. Deliver specimen vials to the lab. Specimen will be preserved for over a week. OR if collecting in a sterile lab specimen cup: Label lab cup with full patient name and date of birth. Deliver fresh, formed stool to lab ASAP, within 8 hours of collection. Deliver fresh liquid stool to the lab within 4 hours of collection. Keep at room temperature.
CDiff Toxin LAB253	 Collection Hat Wooden depressor stick Sterile lab specimen cup 	1 teaspoon	 Label lab cups(s) with full patient name and date of birth. Store cup containing specimen in a cool environment (not with food) and deliver to lab within 24 hours of collection.
Giardia Antigen LAB4770	 Collection Hat Wooden depressor stick Sterile lab specimen cup 	1 teaspoon	 Label lab cup with full patient name and date of birth Store cup containing specimen in a cool environment (not with food) and deliver to lab within 24 hours of collection. OR If Ova & Parasite test is also ordered, and a formalin vial is collected, no additional sample is needed.
Cryptosporidia Antigen LAB4755	 Collection Hat Wooden depressor stick Sterile lab specimen cup 	1 teaspoon	 Label lab cup with full patient name and date of birth Store cup containing specimen in a cool environment (not with food) and deliver to lab within 24 hours of collection OR If Ova & Parasite test is also ordered, and a formalin vial is collected, no additional sample is needed.
Rotavirus Ag LAB443	 Collection Hat Wooden depressor stick Sterile lab specimen cup 	1/2 teaspoon	 Label cup with full patient name and date of birth. Store cup containing specimen in a cool environment (not with food) and deliver to the lab within 24 hours of collection. Keep cool during transport to the lab.
Pin Worm Prep LAB248	White capped Starplex container with clear sticky paddle	NA	 Follow the collection instructions on the back of this sheet. Label container(s) with full patient name and date of birth. Deliver to lab within 24 hours of collection. Keep at room temperature.

Only one stool specimen, per day, per patient will be accepted.

Specimen must be transferred to a clean, leak-proof container.

The Following Will Not Be Accepted:



Diapers



Tissues



Plastic Bags



Foil Wrap

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Pinworm Paddle Collection Instructions

- 1. Hold the paddle by the cab and remove it from the tube.
- 2. With the patient lying on his side or bending at the waist, separate the buttocks. Press the tacky side against several areas of the perianal region.
- 3. Replace the paddle in the tube and close.
- 4. Wash hands immediately after the collection.
- 5. Label the tube with the patient's name.
- 6. Transport to the laboratory.