

FECES COLLECTION

MATERIAL NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

For Coproculture (Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter), Yersinia, E.Coli O157, Yeast: Collection kit provided in sterile sealed envelope containing container with transport medium (Cary Blair) and swab (cotton swab type) provided by the Collection Center or can be purchased at the pharmacy.



For Calprotectin, Clostridium Difficile, Viral Antigens, Bacterial Antigens, Parasite Antigens, and Coproculture: Sterile, single-use plastic container without preservative liquid with label for identification and with cap fitted with paddle provided by the Collection Center or available for purchase at the pharmacy.



DIRECTIONS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION

Swab collection

1. Collect feces on a clean, dry surface (bed pan, bowl, chamber pot, or put a plastic bag in the bidet). Do not collect feces from the toilet. Feces should not be contaminated with urine or menstrual blood.
2. Open the bag and take out the swab (cotton swab type) by handling it from the cap end.
3. Dip the cotton swab end into the stool (it should become soiled with stool).
4. Insert the swab into the container containing the transport medium making sure that the cottony end is submerged in the gelatinous part (transport medium). The handle of the swab acts as a stopper for the container.
5. Write biographical data (first name, last name and date of birth) and date and time of collection on the container label.
6. Deliver to the collection center. The sample thus collected can be stored at room temperature for up to 18 hours.

Container collection

1. Collect feces on a clean, dry surface (bed pan, bowl, chamber pot, or put a plastic bag in the bidet). Do not collect feces from the toilet. Feces should not be contaminated with urine or menstrual blood.
2. Using the scoop, take a small amount of feces (about a teaspoon) and place it in the container. Do not fill the container completely.
3. Close the container tightly.
4. Write biographical data (first name, last name and date of birth) and date and time of collection on the container label.
5. Deliver to the Specimen Collection Center (The specimen collected in this way can be kept for up to **2 hours** at room temperature or in a refrigerator for performing stool cultures and for up to **18 hours** in a refrigerator for other research).