### Stool Culture Collection Instructions for Patients

**Instructions:** Obtain a Sterile Container marked stool. If the doctor has ordered the test to be performed X3, you will be given 3 sterile containers.

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| 1. | Label your container with:  
|   | a) Your full name  
|   | b) Your date of birth  
|   | c) **Date and time of collection**  
| 2. | These specimens may be collected at home. Collect Stool Specimen in the large white container (hat) provided by the laboratory. **Do not** let stool fall into the toilet or become contaminated with water.  
| 3. | Put a walnut size portion of stool in the sterile cup marked stool.  
| 4. | Place the specimens in the transport bag provided and promptly return to the lab for testing.  
| 5. | If ordered X3, repeat procedure on **three different days**.  
| 6. | Specimens may be kept and returned at the same time. **Do not refrigerate.** Specimens should be kept at room temperature at all times.  