



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.

1.	Label your container with: a) Your full name b) Your date of birth c) <u>Date and time of collection</u>
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 <u>three different days</u> .
6.	Specimens may be kept and returned at the same time. <u>Do not refrigerate</u> . Specimens should be kept at room temperature at all times.