

Faecal Specimen Collection

For Culture/parasites/viruses/C.difficile

1. Label the jar with the patients full name, date of birth, date and time of collection.
2. Using boiling water, wash out a plastic container e.g. ice cream container.
3. Place the container in the toilet to catch the faecal specimen.
4. Transfer a sample about - two teaspoons full into the brown top container using the scoop attached to the lid.
5. If the faeces are liquid, pour some into the brown top container until it is about a third full.
6. Please clean the outside of the container with a tissue if soiled.
7. Deliver to our collection centre as soon as possible.
8. If you are requested to produce more than one sample these should be :
 - a) Two samples within a seven day period for parasite testing.
 - b) One sample in a seven day period if the request is for multiple culture samples.

For Faecal Occult Blood (FOB)

Collect a sample in to the green top tube supplied by the collection centre/Dr's rooms. The collection instructions are provided with the tubes.

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