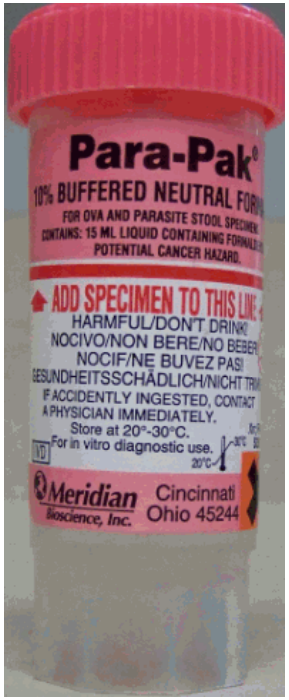
Collection for Stool Culture (Orange)

(Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, E.Coli, Shiga Toxin, Vibrio, Yersinia)

- Obtain (orange) vial from laboratory.
- Pass stool into dry container (hat) or bedpan.
- Using spoon built into the lid of the vial, place enough stool into the vial to raise the liquid to the red line. DO NOT overfill.
- Thoroughly break up specimen in vial with the spoon. Tightly close vial, and shake vigorously.
- Label the container with your full name, date of birth, time of collection and date of collection.
- Place the labeled container into the transport bag.
- Keep REFRIGERATED.
- Try to bring the specimen to the lab the day it was collected.

Collection for Ova & Parasites (Green)

- Obtain (green) vial from laboratory.
- Pass stool into dry container (hat) or bedpan.
- Using spoon built into the lid of the vial, place enough stool into the vial to raise the liquid to the red line. DO NOT overfill.
- Thoroughly break up specimen in vial with the spoon. Tightly close vial, and shake vigorously.
- Label the container with your full name, date of birth, time of collection and date of collection.
- Place the labeled container into the transport bag.
- Store at ROOM TEMPERATURE.
- Try to bring the specimen to the lab the day it was collected.



Giardia Antigen and Cryptosporidium Stain Collection (Pink)

- Obtain (pink) vial from laboratory.
- Pass stool into dry container (hat) or bedpan.
- Using spoon built into the lid of the vial, place enough stool into the vial to raise the liquid to the red line. DO NOT overfill.
- Thoroughly break up specimen in vial with the spoon. Tightly close vial, and shake vigorously.
- Label the container with your full name, date of birth, time of collection and date of collection.
- Place the labeled container into the transport bag.
- Store at ROOM TEMPERATURE.
- Try to bring the specimen to the lab the day it was collected.

Collection for Random Stool Specimen Any plain sterile container is acceptable

(C. difficile Culture & Toxin, Elastase, Stool pH, Stool WBCs, VRE Culture)

- Obtain any plain sterile container from laboratory. (ie urine cup)
- Pass stool into dry container (hat) or bedpan.
- Transfer a portion of the feces to the container using a disposable tongue depressor. (Do not fill more than half full)
- Label the container with your full name, date of birth, time of collection and date of collection.
- Place the labeled container into the transport bag.
- See Lab Guide for storage and transport specifics.
- Try to bring the specimen to the lab the day it was collected.