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STOOL FOR OVA AND PARASITES/GIARDIA EIA/STOOL CULTURES

IMPORTANT: Please read all directions first and follow them carefully

1. You have been given a set-up (in a paper bag) for collecting stool specimens. The paper bag contains a **WHITE** collection container (Specimen Cup) and 1, 2 and/or 3 colored vials depending on what tests your doctor has ordered.
The **ORANGE** top vial is for stool culture.
The **BLUE and YELLOW** topped vials are for Ova and Parasites/Giardia EIA.
2. To avoid interference from Barium Enema, wait 3 days after lower GI series and 7 days after upper GI series before collecting stool specimens.
3. Wash your hands before beginning the procedure.
DO NOT pass stool into the toilet.
DO NOT pass stool directly into the colored vials.
DO NOT urinate on the stool or into the colored vials.
DO NOT allow any water to mix with the stool.
4. Pass stool sample **DIRECTLY INTO THE DRY WHITE CONTAINER.**
5. Carefully open each vial, **one vial at a time. FILL THE ORANGE TOP VIAL FIRST.** Using the spoon attached to the cap, transfer a spoonful of stool from areas that appear slimy, watery or bloody into the vial until the liquid rises to the red line labeled **ADD SPECIMEN TO THIS LINE. Do not mix spoons/caps with other vials.**
6. **Close the vials securely and shake to mix thoroughly.**
7. **PRINT YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, DATE AND TIME OF COLLECTION ON EACH CONTAINER!**
8. Return the vial(s) and the test requisition list (if available) to the laboratory **within 24 hours of collection. Store the color vial(s) at room temperature. Store the white collection cup in the refrigerator** until you can bring the specimens into the lab.
9. If more than one set of specimen is requested, collect on separate days (every other day is preferable).

THE PRESERVATIVE IN THE VIALS IS POISONOUS. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENTAL INGESTION, CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN OR THE POISON CONTROL CENTER AT 800-876-4766