



Ova and Parasite Test Instructions

General requirements:

- 1) A physician's order is required.**
- 2) Many physicians will order this test X3. Para-Pak PVA /Formalin (pink and blue labels) can be provided from any MML Service Center. You will receive a pink and blue container for EACH test ordered.**
- 3) Wait for three days after a barium enema before collecting a specimen.**
- 4) If 3 specimens are required, collect one every other day, or 3 specimens in 10 days.**

Specimen Collection:

- 1) Use the bed pan provided to collect the specimen. Do not urinate into the pan.**
- 2) Immediately, transfer the specimen using a disposable plastic spoon. Place a small scoopful of specimen (walnut size or 5ml liquid stool) into each Para-Pak. Use one pink and one blue vial for each bowel movement. Label EACH specimen with name, date of birth, date and time collected.**
- 3) Recap the container and make sure cap is on tight.**
- 4) If other stool tests are ordered, use a separate container for the additional test.**
- 5) Refrigerate specimen if there is a delay in transport.**

❖ NOTES

- 1) Specimens submitted in leaky containers or containers with obvious gross external contamination will be rejected.**
- 2) Specimens sent on diapers will not be accepted.**
- 3) Specimens sent on toilet paper or exam gloves will not be accepted.**
- 4) Specimens containing water or urine will not be accepted.**
- 5) Specimens from toilet bowls are also unacceptable.**
- 6) Barium specimens are not acceptable.**