

Stool Collection for Culture and Sensitivity Instructions

LEAVE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE DO NOT REFRIGERATE.

Specimen must be returned to lab within 24 hours.

Specimen's greater than 96 hours (4 DAYS) will be rejected.

Purpose: To determine the presence of pathogenic bacteria in stool.

Container: 1 Cary-Blair with Indicator **(Green Cap)**

General instructions:

- 1) A physician's order is required.
- 2) Specimens should be collected before administration of antibiotics or Barium.

Specimen Collection Procedure:

- 1) Use the bed pan provided to collect the specimen. Do not urinate into the pan.
- 2) Add enough stool to reach "FILL TO HERE" line on Cary-Blair Vial. It is very important to take samples of areas which appear bloody, mucoid or watery.
- 3) Recap the container and ensure that the cap is on tight.
- 4) Make sure that your NAME, DOB, DATE and TIME of collection is on the container.
- 5) Place specimen in 6X9 Biohazard zip log bag.
- 6) Drop off the specimen to any patient service center.

- ❖ If stool occult blood or other tests are ordered, use a separate container for additional sample.

➤ 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 will also be rejected.