

Stool Culture Collection Instructions

WARNING: The liquid in the bottle is poisonous. Keep it out of the reach of children. If swallowed, drink large amounts of milk or water and IMMEDIATELY call your doctor or local Poison Control.



Wash hands before procedure.

Obtain stool specimen. Stool specimen should not touch urine or water. Empty bladder before collecting stool sample. Pass the stool into a clean dry pan, special container mounted on the toilet, or plastic wrap draped over toilet. **NOTE:** Toilet paper is NOT suitable to collect stool. **DO NOT** use a laxative before collecting the stool.



Peel open kit package and remove the tube of medium and swab applicator. Collect a small pea-sized amount of stool by inserting the entire swab tip into stool sample, rotating it, making sure to go into bloody, slimy or watery areas of stool and coating entire surface of the applicator swab. Ensure there is stool visible on the swab; if not, repeat sample collection. **DO NOT** collect an excessive amount of stool only the swab needs to be coated with sample material.



After collection, transfer swab into the tube with the preservation medium.

DO NOT EXCEED maximum filling line (“MAX FILL”). **NOTE:** If sample collected exceeds maximum fill line discard swab and tube and repeat specimen collection using a new FecalSwab™. Hold shaft of swab between thumb and finger-mash and mix the stool specimen against side of tube to evenly distribute the stool specimen in the preservation medium.

Break swab off into tube as follows:

- Hold tube in one hand pointing opening of tube away from face.
- With other hand grasp swab shaft at very end with thumb and first finger.
- Press part of the shaft with breaking point/score line against rim of tube.
- Bend swab shaft and break it off at score line - discard upper part of the swab shaft into the garbage.



DO NOT TOUCH the applicator in the area below the breakpoint indication line



During specimen collection hold applicator above the breakpoint indication line, in this area

Molded breakpoint with colored indication line



Place screw cap on tube and close tightly. Shake until the sample appears mixed. Write full first and last name, date of birth and date of collection on the tube label. Place tube in Ziploc® bag. Return specimen(s) and requisition to a Dynacare Laboratory and Health Services Centre or your healthcare provider's office. If more than one sample is requested, all specimens can be returned in one visit. Refrigerate specimens after they are collected and return all specimens to Dynacare as soon as possible.