# Outpatient Stool Collection Containers

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| **O&P (OVA & Parasite)** | SAF Vial Usually Orange Cap | Transfer specimen to SAF preservative vial immediately after collection. Mix vial with spoon attached to vial cap or wooden tongue depressor | CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous  
Keep out of reach of children |
| Cryptosporidium/Giardia | | Submit no more than one specimen per day  
Deliver to the lab within 72 hours at room temperature  
Recommend 2-3 samples per diarrheal episode | Sterile container is NOT Acceptable |
| **Bacterial Culture (C&S)** | Cary Blair Vial Usually Yellow Cap | Transfer specimen to Cary Blair preservative vial immediately after collection. Mix vial with spoon attached to vial cap or wooden tongue depressor | CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous  
Keep out of reach of children |
| C. Difficile - Now acceptable for testing off of Cary Blair transport. | | Submit no more than one specimen per day  
Deliver to the lab within 72 hours at room temperature  
**Bacterial (enteric pathogens):** No more than 2 specimens per diarrheal episode. | Sterile container is NOT acceptable |
| **C. Difficile** | Sterile Cup | **C. Difficile:** No more than 1 specimen per diarrheal episode  
Submit no more than one specimen per day  
Refrigerate-transport specimens as soon as possible | Must be delivered under refrigeration by courier |
| Lactoferrin | | | |
| Pancreatic Elastase | | | |
| H. pylori stool antigen | | | |
| Alpha 1 Antitrypsin | | | |
| Porphyrins | | | |
| **Fecal Fat Qual/Quant** | Quart Container | Random (ok to use smaller sterile cup)  
Use quart container for 24, 48 or 72 hour collection  
Test within 4 days (96 hours) of collection | Must be delivered under refrigeration by courier |

*LID COLORS VARY. ALWAYS CHECK THE LABEL FOR VIAL/CONTAINER FORMULAS*

*C. Difficile, Culture, Lactoferrin and Ova/Para (Microbiology 275-7801), Fecal Fat or Pancreatic Elastase (Reference lab: 275-5988)*

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