





Outpatient Stool Collection Containers

TEST	CONTAINERS	COMMENTS	HANDLING
O&P (OVA & Parasite) Cryptosporidium/Giardia	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 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	CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous Keep out of reach of children
Bacterial Culture (C&S) <i>C. Difficile</i> - Now acceptable for testing off of Cary Blair transport.	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 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	CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous Keep out of reach of children
<i>C. Difficile</i> Lactoferrin Pancreatic Elastase H. pylori stool antigen Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Porphyrins	Sterile Cup 	<i>C. Difficile</i> : 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
Fecal Fat Qual/Quant Sudan Stain	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)