





Outpatient Stool Collection container guidelines for Patient Service Centers

TEST	CONTAINERS	COMMENTS	HANDLING
O&P (OVA & Parasite) or Cryptosporidium/Giardia	 <div data-bbox="709 293 852 483" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>SAF Vial Usually Orange Cap</p> </div>	<p>Transfer specimen to SAF preservative vial immediately after collection. Mix vial with spoon attached to vial cap or wooden tongue depressor. No more than one specimen per day. Deliver to the lab within 72 hours at room temperature.</p> <p>Recommend 2-3 samples per diarrheal episode</p> <p>(Sterile container is NOT Acceptable)</p>	<p>CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous Keep out of reach of children</p>
Bacterial Culture (C&S)	 <div data-bbox="709 583 852 792" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Carey Blair Vial Usually Yellow Cap</p> </div>	<p>Transfer specimen to Carey Blair preservative vial immediately after collection. Mix vial with spoon attached to vial cap or wooden tongue depressor. No more than one specimen per day. Deliver to the lab within 72 hours at room temperature.</p> <p>Recommend no more than 2 specimens per diarrheal episode</p> <p>(Sterile container is NOT Acceptable)</p>	<p>CAUTION: Additive is Poisonous Keep out of reach of children</p>
<i>C. difficile</i> Fecal Leukocytes Lactoferrin Pancreatic Elastase	 <div data-bbox="709 899 852 1084" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Sterile Cup Usually Blue Cap</p> </div>	<p><i>C. difficile</i>: test within 72 hours of collection Recommend no more than 2 specimens per diarrheal episode</p> <p>Fecal leukocytes: test within 4 hours of collection-mark requisition as STAT Lactoferrin: test within 48 hours of collection Pancreatic elastase: test within 72 hours of collection</p> <p>No more than one specimen per day</p>	<p>Must be delivered under refrigeration by courier</p>
Fecal Fat Qual Or Sudan Stain	 <div data-bbox="709 1208 877 1344" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Sterile Quart Container</p> </div>	<p>Random (ok to use smaller blue capped sterile cup). Use quart container for 24, 48 or 72 hour collection</p> <p>Test within 4 days (96 hours) of collection</p>	<p>Must be delivered under refrigeration by courier</p>

C. difficile, culture and Ova/Para (Microbiology 275-7801), Leukocytes (Hematology 275-9689) Fecal fat, Lactoferrin or Pancreatic elastase (Reference lab: 275-5988)

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