

## Pinworm Specimen Collection

***CLEARLY LABEL SPECIEMEN WITH PATIENT'S FULL NAME,  
DATE OF BIRTH, DATE AND TIME OF COLLECTION.  
\*Specimen may be rejected if this crucial step is omitted!\****

1. Please obtain a pinworm paddle from healthcare provider. If a paddle is not available, a piece of scotch tape may be used.

*Pinworm  
paddle:*



2. Best sampling occurs in the morning just after waking before bathing or a bowel movement.
3. Unscrew lid of the pinworm paddle or gather piece of scotch tape. By gently applying the sticky surface to the anal area pinworm eggs or at times intact adult pinworms will adhere to the adhesive surface of the paddle or tape.
4. Tighten cap securely on pinworm paddle. If scotch tape was used, affix tape to a clean piece of tape and place in an envelope or other clean dry container for transport.
5. Clearly label all containers with patient's full name, date of birth, date and time of collection. **Specimen may be rejected if this crucial step is omitted!**
6. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
7. Place specimen in specimen bag for transport.
8. Deliver all containers to healthcare professional as soon as possible. If delay in transport, leave container at room temperature.