

Pinworm Specimen Collection

***CLEARLY LABEL SPECIMEN 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.



2. Best sampling occurs in the morning just after waking up.
3. Do not bathe, have a bowel movement, wipe or clean rectal area or apply ointment/medications to the rectal area until after collection.
4. **Do not touch the sticky surface of the paddle (or the scotch tape) with your fingers or hands.**
5. Unscrew lid of the pinworm paddle or gather piece of scotch tape.
6. Separate the buttocks and gently press the sticky surface of the paddle (or scotch tape) against the anal area. Pinworm eggs or sometimes intact adult pinworms will adhere to the adhesive surface of the paddle or tape.
7. Return the lid and paddle assembly to the container and securely tighten the cap. 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.
8. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
9. **Specimen may be rejected if this crucial step is omitted!** Clearly label all containers that contain the paddle (or scotch tape) with patient's full name, date of birth, and date and time of collection.
10. Place specimen containers in specimen bag for transport.
11. Deliver specimen container to healthcare professional as soon as possible. If delay in transport, leave specimen container at room temperature.