

# Stool Transport Containers



## Plain container:

Rotavirus (*keep cold!*)

Fecal Lactoferrin (Stool WBC)

C. difficile (*unformed stool only!*)

Calprotectin

Pancreatic Elastase

Fecal Fat

IFOB/FIT Fecal Occult Blood (*may also be submitted in Hemosure vial*)

Stool Occult Blood (*ED/inpatients only; may also be submitted on occult blood cards*)



## Orange Para-Pak C&S container:

Bacterial/Viral/Parasite Gastro PCR Panel

Bacterial/Viral Gastro PCR Panel

Bacterial Gastrointestinal PCR Panel

Giardia/Cryptosporidium Antigen (Screening O&P)

H.Pylori with Clarithromycin Resistance

Stool Culture



## Green EcoFix container:

Ova & Parasite (full exam)

**- only for patients that are immunocompromised or have a travel history**

**Note the red circles that show the “Add specimen to this line” guides. Specimens that are grossly over- or under-filled will be rejected and require recollection.**

Please consult the laboratory for transport container guidance for any stool test that is not listed on this reference.

## Collection Instructions:

1. Pass the specimen into a clean dry container. A hat may be used (any clean, dry plastic container is suitable).
  - a. Do not use toilet paper to collect the specimen (it may contain agents that are inhibitory to some fecal pathogens).
  - b. Do not allow the specimen to come into contact with toilet water.
  - c. Do not contaminate the specimen with urine.
2. Immediately transfer the specimen from the clean dry container into the provided (plain, green and/or orange) containers.
  - a. Open the containers.
  - b. Use the spoon that is attached to the cap to transfer enough specimen to **bring the liquid to the fill line** for the green and orange vials. Place a small amount in the white topped container.
  - c. **Do not overfill.** Fill only to the fill line. Overfilled containers will not be accepted for testing.
3. Securely close all containers. Leaking containers will not be accepted for testing.
4. Fully label each container:
  - a. Full Patient Name (First and Last)
  - b. Date of Birth
  - c. Collection Date
  - d. Collection Time
5. Transport containers to healthcare professional as soon as possible.
6. If delayed transport –
  - a. Hold the green and orange top containers at room temperature.
  - b. Hold the plain container refrigerated.

If only the plain container is submitted for testing, specimens must be processed at the laboratory within **2 hours** of collection.

**It is important that preservative transport containers are used to prevent test cancellation.**



**Caution: Colored vials contain poisonous liquids. Keep out of the reach of children and pets. DO NOT DRINK.**



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