

FECAL PARASITE PROTOCOL

DIRECTIONS **** (PLEASE READ ALL OF THE DIRECTIONS FIRST AND FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY. WASH HANDS BEFORE BEGINNING THE PROCEDURE.) ****

1. You have been asked to collect a stool sample for laboratory analysis. The collection set contains 2 tubes. **DO NOT DISCARD OR DRINK THE LIQUID IN THE TUBES.**
2. **DO NOT PASS THE SPECIMEN IN THE TOILET!**
DO NOT PASS THE SPECIMEN DIRECTLY INTO THE COLLECTION TUBES.
DO NOT URINATE IN THE SPECIMEN OR INTO THE SPECIMEN TUBES.
DO NOT ALLOW ANY WATER TO MIX WITH THE SPECIMEN.
3. Pass the stool specimen into a clean and dry container such as a bedpan, a plastic bag, a plastic plate, or a newspaper.
4. Carefully open each tube. Using the spoon attached, collect **small** amounts of the stool from areas that are slimy, watery, or bloody and place them into each tube. If the stool is hard, collect **small** amounts from both ends and the middle and place into each tube.
IMPORTANT: PLACE STOOL INTO THE TUBE UNTIL THE VOLUME REACHES THE FILL LINE LOCATED ON THE LABEL. DO NOT OVERFILL!!
5. Fill only one tube at a time and replace the spoon/cap onto the same tube that it came from. Don't mix spoon/caps with other tubes. **MAKE SURE THAT THE CAPS ARE TIGHTLY CAPPED TO AVOID LEAKAGE. WASH HANDS AFTER SPECIMEN COLLECTION.**
6. Write the patient name and date collected on the labels of each tube. Place all of the vials back into the Ziploc bag and place all into the biohazard bag with absorbent paper. Return the containers to your physician or laboratory where you received them.
7. **IN CASE OF EXPOSURE TO EYES OR SKIN, FLUSH WITH WATER AND CONTACT A PHYSICIAN.**
8. Before mailing to the laboratory, make sure that the laboratory requisition form is filled out completely, and **place the completed form inside the cardboard mailer and outside the aluminum mailer.**