



Dear Patient,

We are pleased you have chosen Beebe Healthcare Laboratory for your testing needs and we look forward to serving you. This brochure has information that will be helpful to obtain the most accurate results for this test. If you have further questions, or concerns. Please do not hesitate to call us at (302) 645-3241.



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Stool Specimen Collection

Collection Instructions
for Patients



Clinical Laboratory and Pathology Services

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Your doctor has ordered one or more tests to be performed from a stool specimen. Enclosed in this bag are special containers for collecting the specimen. Please read the instructions carefully before collecting the specimen at home. If you have any questions, please contact your doctor .

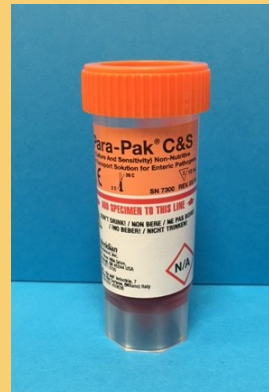
- Pass the stool specimen directly into a **clean, dry** container. You may use a bedpan, a clean margarine tub, or similar device. You can also cover the toilet seat with plastic wrap to catch the specimen before it drops into the toilet. Try not to contaminate the specimen with urine.
- Once the specimen has been collected, you must place a portion of the specimen into each container provided. **Please add specimen to both containers; if you do not have enough specimen for both, place the entire amount into the Dry Red Container only.**
- Wash your hands thoroughly after handling your specimen.
- Label the containers with your full name, date of birth, and the date and time you collected the specimen. Place containers into the sealed plastic bag and deliver the specimen to one of Beebe Medical Center's Laboratory locations within 2 hours if possible. Refrigerate the specimens if you cannot return them within 2 hours.

Small Vial with Orange Lid:

It is important that you do not pour out the red liquid.

Note the "Fill Line" that is indicated on the side of the vial. Take care not to overfill the vial.

Open the vial and use the scoop attached to the lid to pick up a small portion of specimen (approximately the size of a walnut) and transfer it into the vial. **Add specimen until the liquid level reaches the "File Line" indicated on the vial label.** Close the lid tightly and mix the specimen well by shaking gently.



Dry Red Cup with White Lid:

Place as much of the remaining specimen into this cup as you can and secure the lid tightly.



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