



Laboratory Services

CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE PCR

Stool Collection Instructions

Instructions:

1. For collection, you have been given the following:
 - Specimen collection hat
 - Orange screw cap lid collection container
 - Wood applicator
 - Instruction sheet
2. **Label** the sterile orange cap container with your **first and last name, date of birth** and **date and time of collection**.
3. Lift the toilet seat up and place the collection hat on the rim of the toilet (curved side facing the back of the toilet).
4. Put the toilet seat back down, to hold the collection hat in place. Pass bowel movement into the hat. The stool specimen must be free of urine and toilet paper.
5. Transfer a small amount of the stool specimen with the wood applicator from areas that appear bloody, slimy or watery into the orange screw cap container. Once the specimen is in the container, make sure the screw cap is put on securely, to avoid leakage.
6. Wash hands thoroughly
7. **Refrigerate** the specimen until it is transported to the laboratory.
8. **Within 24 hours**, transport the specimen **on ice**, in a zip lock plastic bag.

