

Test	Stability	Sent to:
Fecal bacterial pathogens by PCR, Feces culture unusual pathogens	Raw specimen can be refrigerated for up to 2 hrs then must be put in orange top container. Orange top is stable for 4 days at room temp.	UVMCC
Ova and Parasite, <i>Giardia</i> antigen, <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , <i>Isospora</i> , <i>Cyclospora</i>	Raw specimen can be kept at room temp or refrigerated for up to 2 hrs then must be put in black top container. Black top is stable for 3 days at room temp.	UVMCC
<i>C. diff</i>	Must be unpreserved specimen. Stable at room temp for 24 hrs, 5 days refrigerated.	Copley
Occult blood	Raw specimens should be refrigerated until put on card. Inoculated card is stable for 14 days	Copley, neoplasm to Mayo
Lactoferrin	Stable for two weeks refrigerated and unpreserved	Copley
<i>H. Pylori</i>	Stable for two days unpreserved if refrigerated. Must be frozen within 48 hours.	Mayo
Calprotectin	Stable for three days refrigerated then must be frozen for transport.	Mayo
<i>Microsporidia</i>	Refrigerate unpreserved specimen, stable for 7 days.	Mayo