

A Patient's Guide to Stool Specimen Collection

Contact Information - Bronson Laboratory Phone Numbers:

- Battle Creek Lab: (269) 969-6161
- Kalamazoo Lab: (269) 341-6440
- Paw Paw Lab: (269) 657-9126

Required supplies: Toilet Hat, Stool Transport Containers.

If your physician did not provide collection containers please call the lab. See above for contact information.

Step 1: See table on back for detailed collection requirements.

Step 2: Place the white toilet hat onto the toilet seat.

Step 3: Be careful not to mix water from the toilet bowl or urine with the stool. This will spoil the test.

Step 4: After the bowel movement, transfer the stool from the hat into the transport container/s.

Step 5: For Stool Culture and O&P collection. If you are not collecting for these tests, skip to step 6.



GI Panel



O&P

Step 5 continued

5a. Transfer stool into the container until it reaches the red fill line.

5b. Screw the cap back onto the container.

5c. Invert the container 5-10 times in order to mix the liquid and stool together.

Step 6: Screw cap back onto containers.

Step 7: Mark the container with your **first and last name, date of birth, & date and time of the collection.**

Step 8: Take the containers to the lab within timeframe listed on back of this sheet.

Patients in diapers:

Required supplies: Urine collection bag (U-bag), Diaper, Plastic Wrap, Collection Containers.

If your physician did not provide special collection containers please call the lab. See above for contact information.

Step 1: Following the U-Bag instructions, apply the U-Bag to the patient.

Step 2: Line the diaper with plastic wrap. Apply diaper on patient.

Step 3: Remove the diaper within 30 minutes after the bowel movement.

Step 4: Discard the urine in the U-Bag without splashing onto the stool.

Step 5: Place stool into each of the containers. Refer to above steps 5-7.

Check the Box/s required for patient collection	Test	Transport Container	After collection take specimen to lab within:	Do I have to refrigerate my specimen?	Special collection recommendations/ requirements
	Calprotectin CALPR		3 days	FROZEN	Freeze within 18 hours of collection.
	C. difficile CDIFT		5 days	Yes	Do not collect while using topical ointment like zinc oxide or Vagisil cream on the vaginal/rectal area.
	GI Panel GIPCR		4 days	No	None
	Fat Random, 24, 48 or 72 hour collection FATQN		Once collection is completed.	Yes	For 3 days prior and during the collection period: Fat-controlled diet (100-150 g fat per day) No synthetic fat substitutes (e.g., Olestra) or fat-blocking nutritional supplements. No laxatives (particularly mineral oil and castor oil) Diaper rash ointment , do not use during collection period. Barium , wait 48 hours after stopping medication before collecting a specimen.
	H Pylori HPAGS		72 hours	Yes	If taking: Bismuth, antibiotics, or proton pump inhibitors , wait 2 weeks after stopping the medication before collecting the sample.
	Lactoferrin FLAC		72 hours	Yes	None
	Occult Blood FOBI		Mail immediately or return to lab within 5 days	No	Refer to instructions inside the collection kit.
	Ova & Parasites (O&P) OVP		72 hours	No	If taking: Antacids, kaolin, mineral oil and other oily materials, antidiarrheal preparations, barium or bismuth , wait 7 days after stopping the medication before collecting the sample. Antibiotics , wait 2-3 weeks before collecting the sample. Gallbladder dyes , wait 3 weeks before collecting the sample.
	pH/reducing substance MIMAY- ;UREDF		24 hours	Yes	No Barium or laxatives for 1 week prior to collection