SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Stool Collection Kit – For PCR Testing (GP or Norovirus) and/or Culture

SPECIMEN STORAGE & TRANSPORT

Temperature: Room temperature (15–25 °C/59–77 °F) for Cary Blair Medium

Maximum Holding Time: 4 days (time from collection to test set-up) for Cary Blair Medium

Kit Expiration: Kit must be used prior to expiration date listed on kit label

Exceptions: For any exceptions to collection, storage, or transport conditions, please call lab first to discuss.

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN TYPES

Stool: 5 mL in Cary Blair Medium (enough to reach red fill line of yellow vial)

Note: Raw stool in a sterile container is also acceptable but it must be stored and transported refrigerated and received by the lab within 24 hours of collection.

TEST ORDER OPTIONS FOR THIS KIT

6500: Gastrointestinal PCR Panel (GP)
6100: Norovirus PCR
2200: Stool Culture—Standard (Salmonella, Campylobacter, Shigella, E. coli, Shigatoxin)
2300: Stool Culture—Comprehensive (Standard + Yersinia, Vibrio, Aeromonas, Plesiomonas)
2220: Stool Culture—Salmonella only
2230: Stool Culture—Shigella only
2240: Stool culture—Campylobacter only
2250: Stool Culture – E. coli only
2260: Stool Culture – Vibrio species only
2270: Stool Culture – Yersinia enterocolitica only
2310: Stool culture—Aeromonas, Plesiomonas only

REJECTION CRITERIA

- Holding time greater than 4 days (1 day for raw stool)
- Specimen container not labeled
- Specimen container has leaked or is not sealed properly
- Sample volume is not at the red fill line on the container

SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Preferably, stool specimens should be obtained during the acute phase of illness.

1. Lift the toilet seat and place the white stool collection device at the rear of the toilet bowl; lower the seat.
2. Pass the stool into the white stool collection device.
3. Collect stool from areas that appear bloody, slimy, or watery. If firm, collect from both ends and middle.
   a. Using the scoop built into the cap, transfer enough stool to the yellow vial to reach the red fill line.
   b. Mix the vial contents with the scoop; carefully tighten the cap and shake until contents are well mixed.
   c. Label the vial (name, collection date/time) and place inside the inner specimen bag and seal tightly.
4. Place the bagged yellow vial inside the zippered portion of the biohazard specimen bag and seal tightly.
5. Fill out the requisition form completely. Fold it in half once (no staples please) and place in the outer pocket of the biohazard specimen bag (not inside the zippered pouch with the specimen).
6. Transport to the laboratory within 4 days of collection.