SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Stool Collection Kit – Ova & Parasite Panel

SPECIMEN STORAGE & TRANSPORT
Temperature: room temperature (15 °C – 25 °C / 59 °F – 77 °F)
Maximum Holding Time: 7 days (time from collection to test set-up in laboratory)
Exceptions: for any exceptions to collection, storage or transport conditions, please call lab first to discuss.

KIT STORAGE
Temperature: room temperature (15 °C – 25 °C / 59 °F – 77 °F)
Expiration: kit must be used prior to expiration date listed on kit label

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN TYPES
Stool: 5 mL in both O&P vials (enough to reach red fill line)

TEST ORDER OPTIONS FOR THIS KIT
4025: Ova & Parasite Panel (Concentration, Trichrome Stain & Microscopic Exam)
4300: Comprehensive Parasite Panel (Ova & Parasite Panel + Cryptosporidia & Giardia DFA)
4030: Cryptosporidia & Giardia Only
4120: Cryptosporidia Direct Fluorescent Antibody (DFA) Test
4110: Giardia Direct Fluorescent Antibody (DFA) Test

REJECTION CRITERIA
• holding time greater than 7 days
• 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, three stool specimens should be collected (one every other day) as soon as symptoms develop.
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 each 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 vials (name, collection date/time) and place inside the inner specimen bag and seal tightly.
4. Place the bagged vials 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 7 days of collection.

Warning: vial contents are poisonous. Keep out of reach of children.