



Banner Health
McKee
Medical Center

STOOL CULTURE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS

Collection container: Meridian para-Pak (3 pak containers*)

1. Obtain correct collection container (listed above). Make sure the label contains the following information:
 - A. NAME: last, first
 - B. DOB OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:
 - C. DATE: month, day, year of collection
 - D. TIME: include p.m. or a.m. of collection

*make sure the date and time is when the specimen is collected
2. The stool should first be collected in a clean dry container to avoid contamination from urine and toilet paper. This can be done by using a clean plastic bag placed into a waste basket, a clean margarine or butter container, any clean wide mouth jar or bed pan.
3. Once the stool is obtained it needs to be placed into the preservative containers. This is done by using the collection spoon inside the preservative container. Place stool into the container until the volume in the container reaches the fill line that is marked on the label. Once the correct amount of stool is in the container, twist the cap on tight and shake the container until the stool and liquid preservative is mixed well.
4. After the collection is completed bring the container to the Laboratory at the main hospital as soon as possible. Bring a copy of physician's orders with the specimen.
5. The preservative container should remain at room temperature and the specimen is good for 96 hours.
6. Please call the laboratory at 970-635-4151 with any additional questions.

* Tests which can be done on this 3-pak container set are culture, ova and parasite exam, stool WBC, and Giardia Antigen. We cannot do a C. difficile toxin test, occult blood or Rotavirus tests.