



# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

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## 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

4010: Trichrome stain (Concentration, stain, & microscopic exam for protozoa)

4025: Ova & Parasite Panel (Concentration & microscopic exam for worms and ova)

4045: Cyclospora direct exam (Concentration, stain, & microscopic exam for *Cyclospora*)

4065: Isospora direct exam (Concentration, stain, & microscopic exam for *Isospora*)

4060: Microsporidia direct exam (Concentration, stain, & microscopic exam for *Microsporidia*)

#### 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.



stool collection device



O&P Collection Kit

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