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COLLECTION OF STOOL FOR BACTERIAL CULTURE

MATERIALS SUPPLIED

Stool culture Transport Medium (Cary Blair Medium) x2
Biohazard transport bag x2
Wooden spatula x2
Requisition completed by physician or clinic

MATERIALS NEEDED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

Clean wide mouthed container/clean paper

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

****Do not use laxatives before collection of stool specimen****
****Collect 1 stool per day to a maximum of 2 stools over 2-3 days****

COLLECTION PROCEDURE

1. Pass stool into a wide mouthed container or onto clean paper.
2. Using the spoon attached to the lid of the container or the wooden spatula provided, transfer a quantity of the stool specimen, especially from any area bloody or slimy, into the container until the liquid reaches the **"FILL LINE"** on the outside of the container.
IMPORTANT: Mix the specimen well with the fluid in the container.
3. Replace the lid on the container and tighten securely.
4. Shake until well mixed.
5. Wash and dry hands thoroughly.
6. Write the patient's full name, date and time the specimen was collected on container label.
7. Place specimen inside the biohazard transport bag (one specimen per bag).
8. Place the completed requisition in the side pouch of biohazard transport bag.
9. Keep collected specimen at room temperature.

Deliver specimen to the Microbiology laboratory within 48 hours of collection.

Microbiology Laboratory: St. Michael's Hospital, Cardinal Carter wing, 2nd floor – Room 2-044
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