




IMPORTANT -PLEASE READ

UF Pathology Laboratories

Quality Review: Instructions for Stool Collection

Specimen quality is important to ensure the best specimen is used to produce accurate results to monitor and diagnose patients. **UF Health Pathology Laboratories Quality Review** shows a trend of stool specimens that were collected in the incorrect container. As a result the specimens could not be tested. Please assist us in providing quality care for our patients by following the requirements listed below for proper collection of these specimens for **IFOB, Ova and Parasite** and **GI PCR Panel**. We have also included a video link that shows the collection procedure.

Type of Specimen : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stool 	Test(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFOB (Immunochemical Fecal Occult Blood) Ova and Parasites (Para-Pak collections) GI PCR Panel Stool (Cary Blair)
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TEST	Yes	NO	Notes
Ova Parasites Test Specimen Collection IFOB Video link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXWL3BKctuY			Do not send specimens for IFOB testing in a sterile container or any container other than the collection vial included in the kit. One way to prevent this is to not give the patient a plastic stool collection container. The collection container/paper is in the kit and should be used to collect the specimen according to the instructions in the kit. In order to preserve the integrity of the specimen for testing the specimen must be placed in the vial directly after collection. Do not send any other container other than the vial from the kit to the lab. The PURPLE vial is the only acceptable collection container. Specimens in the incorrect container will be rejected and will need to be recollected.
Ova Parasites Test Specimen Collection Video link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXWL3BKctuY			Do not send specimens for Ova and Parasite testing in a sterile container or any container other than the PINK AND GRAY Para-Pak container provided. In order to preserve the integrity of the parasites for examination under the microscope the specimen must be placed in the pink and gray Para-Pak containers immediately after collection. Send the Para-Pak container to the lab. The Pink and Gray Para-Pak is the only acceptable specimen container. Specimens in the incorrect container will be rejected and will need to be recollected.
GI PCR PANEL, STOOL—			Do not send specimens for GI PCR Panel testing in a sterile container or any container other than the ORANGE Para-Pak container provided. In order to preserve the integrity of the parasites for examination under the microscope the specimen must be placed in the ORANGE Para-Pak containers immediately after collection. Send the Para-Pak container to the lab. The ORANGE Para-Pak is the only acceptable specimen container for GI PCR Panel testing. Specimens in the incorrect container will be rejected and will need to be recollected.