

## Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

### *Cyclospora / Cystoisospora belli* (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Stool	NA	Up to 3 specimens over a 10 day period (Maximum 1 per day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid use of antacids, antidiarrheals, barium, bismuth, and laxatives prior to collection.</li> <li>• Collect stool in a clean container; Avoid contact with urine or water.</li> <li>• Add stool to the collection vial until the fluid is at the red "Fill to Here" line.</li> </ul>	Para-Pak® Ultra Ecofix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Collection vial.</li> <li>• <b>Rejection Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collection vial not filled to the red line.</li> <li>○ Leaking specimen.</li> <li>○ Two specimens collected on the same date</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B.</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Store at ambient temperature.</li> </ul>

**General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)**

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

**NOTE:**

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

**Collection kit availability**

Available.

**Comments**