

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Parasite – Intestinal Confirmation (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Stool	NA	Three specimens collected over a 3 – 10 day period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid use of antacids, antidiarrheals, barium, bismuth, and laxatives prior to collection. Collect stool in a clean container; Avoid contact with urine or water. Add stool to the collection vial until the fluid is at the red "Fill to Here" line. 	Para-Pak® Ultra Ecofix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: Collection vial. Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection vial not filled to the red line. Leaking specimen. Two specimens collected on the same date. Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B. Storage: Store at ambient temperature.
Miscellaneous (Please see Comments on page 2)	NA	NA	NA	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: As appropriate. Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaking specimen. Two specimens collected on the same date. Others may apply depending on specimen submitted. Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B. Storage: Store at ambient temperature.

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

Not available.

Comments

- For stool, please contact the laboratory prior to submitting a specimen in a collection system other than the Para-Pak® Ultra Ecofix.
- For miscellaneous, laboratory may be able to accept stool concentrate, stained slides, or other specimens. Please contact the laboratory prior to submitting specimen in this category.