

Microbiology Stool Specimen Collection Instructions

Test Name	Ordering Code	Container	Comments
Clostridium difficile Toxin A/B	6588/CDT	Plastic screw cap vial or Cary Blair Transport	Transport clean container within 48 hours, or Cary Blair within 5 days. Clean container must be transported refrigerated. Cary Blair may be transported refrigerated or at room temperature.
Cryptosporidium Test	6542/CRY	Cary-Blair Transport Vial	Add stool to the line, cap tightly and mix well. Refrigerate after collection and return to AML within 7 days. <i>One specimen is sufficient for detection.</i>
Giardia antigen stool only	6695/GIA	Cary-Blair Transport Vial <i>UNACCEPTABLE:</i> Small bowel aspirate	Add stool to the line, cap tightly and mix well. Refrigerate after collection and return to AML within 7 days. One specimen is sufficient for detection, as antigen is continually present in infected patients.
Giardia – small bowel aspirate	6596/OP	Ecofix Transport Vial	Transfer specimen to Ecofix within one hour of collection. Store at room temperature – specimen will be rejected if refrigerated. No time limit for return of specimen to AML
Ova and Parasites (O&P) Parasite exam, Giardia, amoebae, etc	6596/OP	Ecofix Transport Vial	Add stool to the line, cap tightly and mix well. Hold at room temperature. No time limit for return of specimen to AML. Collect only one specimen per day. <i>Note:</i> Three specimens for parasite exams, collected two days apart, in separate 2 vials sets, are recommended.
Rotavirus Antigen, Stool	5780/ROV	Plastic screw cap Vial	Refrigerate after collection and return to AML within 72 hours.
Stool Culture Feces Culture, Pathogens: Salmonella, Shigella, E. coli O157:H7, Aeromonas, Plesiomonas, Campylobacter	6562/STL	Cary-Blair Transport Vial	Add stool to the line, cap tightly and mix well. Refrigerate after collection and return to AML within 72 hours. Collect only one specimen per day. <i>Note:</i> 2-3 specimens collected in separate vials on separate days are recommended.
Vibrio Culture	6536/VIB	Cary-Blair Transport Vial	Add stool to the line, cap tightly and mix well. Refrigerate after collection and return to AML within 72 hours.
WBC, Stool Fecal leukocytes, Stool for white cells, Stool gram stain	6608/WBS	Plastic screw cap Vial	Refrigerate after collection. Specimen must be received at AML within 24 hours.
Yersinia Culture	6534/YER	Cary-Blair Transport Vial	Add stool to the line, cap tightly and mix well. Refrigerate after collection and return to AML within 72 hours.

Stool Transport Containers



EcoFix Transport Vial



Cary Blair Transport Vial



Plastic Screw Cap Vial

***NOTE:** Due to manufacturer's backorder, cap colors may change. It is very important that the label is checked to verify that you have the correct container.

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