



## Barnesville Hospital Quality Caring

### **OVA and Parasite Study Collection Instructions for Patient**

Collection container: Para-Pak ECOFIX

1. Obtain the correct collection container (listed above). Make sure the label contains the following information.
  - A. Name: last, first
  - B. Date of Birth
  - C. Date: month, day, year of collection
  - D. Time: include p.m. or a.m. of collection
2. The stool should first be collected in a clean dry container to avoid contamination from urine and toilet paper. This can be done by using a clean plastic bag placed into a waste basket, a clean margarine or butter container, any clean wide mouth jar or a bed pan.
3. Once the stool is obtained it needs to be placed into the preservative container. This is done by using the collection spoon inside of the preservative container. Place the stool into the container until the volume in the container reaches the fill line that is marked on the label. Once the correct amount of stool is placed into the container twist the cap on tight and shake the container well. This will allow the stool to mix with the preservative.
4. After the collection is completed bring the container to the Laboratory at Barnesville Hospital as soon as possible. The preservative container should remain at room temperature and the specimen is good for 96 hours.
5. Please call the laboratory at 740-425-5105 with any additional questions.