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Stool Specimen Instructions for Patient

(Stool culture, stool for WBC, Giardia Antigen, and Rotavirus)

Collection container: Sterile specimen container

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.
3. Once the stool is obtained it needs to be placed into the sterile container. The minimum volume required is equal to the size of a walnut or 2 tablespoons. Once the stool is placed into the container make sure the cap is sealed tight.
4. After the collection is completed bring the container to the Laboratory at Barnesville Hospital as soon as possible. Bring a copy of physician's orders with the specimen. The specimen should be refrigerated until it can be taken to the laboratory.
5. Please call the laboratory at 740-425-5105 with any additional questions.