Disease/Agent Suspected or Test Requested:

**Intestinal parasites**

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Ova and Parasite Stool Collection Kit

Kit contents:

- Instructions for collection of specimens
- Total-Fix specimen vial
- Stool collection device
- Pair of latex gloves
- Plastic bag (Whirl - Pak bag)
- Trash bag liner
- Cotton filler
- Pre-labeled specimen mailing container

Procedure

1. Attach the collection device to toilet bowl following instructions on the package insert.
2. Have a bowel movement into the collection container. Be careful and to not urinate on sample
3. Scoop stool with device attached to lid of Total-Fix vial and fill with specimen to the black line. Mix the contents of vial with the spoon. Recap the vial, ensuring the lid is screwed on tightly. Shake the vial until contents are well mixed.
4. To dispose of collection device, follow instructions on package insert. **NOTE**: Do not flush collection device down toilet, discard it using the provided garbage bag.
5. Label specimen vial with patient information or LOE label.
6. Insert vial into the plastic bag and cushion with cotton filler. Expel air from bag and fold down 3 - 4 times. Fold wires over toward center to secure.

Processing and Shipping

Complete an Electronic order or Clinical Submission Requisition, PH-4182;

**IMPORTANT** Testing will not be performed without a completed form.

Using the "pre-labeled specimen mailing container", follow instructions for packaging and shipping to TDH Laboratory Services.

Please note the Stool Collection Instructions Flyer stating what container to send for the stool testing ordered. Specifically, use the **Orange cap** vial for C & S of Enteric Pathogens, BioFire, Norovirus and CryptoNet. Requests and use the **Black cap** vial for O & P (fecal parasites). Please share this information with your staff. It is very important to collect the proper specimen for the appropriate tests.
Stool Collection Quick Guide

If the request is for...

- **Stool Culture**
- **Enteric Pathogens**
- **BioFire GI Panel**
- **Norovirus**
- **CryptoNet** (Total-Fix or frozen raw stool is acceptable)

Transport Media Needed:

**Orange Cap C&S**
(C&S= Culture & Sensitivity)
Store at Room Temperature

If the request is for...

- **Ova & Parasite (O&P)**

Transport Media Needed:

**Total-Fix - Black Cap**
(Ova and Parasite Detection)
Store at Room Temperature