

Patient Instruction for Collection of Pinworm

The following instructions are intended to help you collect the correct specimen for the test your doctor as requested.

First read the instructions carefully, make sure you are prepared, and then follow each of the steps to ensure proper collection.

Collection procedure: Adult worms

The ideal time for this procedure is early morning before arising and before emptying the bowels. Each kit contains a biohazard bag, Popsicle stick and the approved container marked O&P with SAF preservative and a Public Health requisition

Caution: SAF preservative contains formaldehyde. This is a poison, toxic by inhalation and ingestion. It is irritating to the eyes, respiratory system and skin.

You may collect the stool specimen;

- From the toilet bowl using the Popsicle stick
 - or
 - Pass urine into the toilet
 - Lift the toilet seat. Place sheets of plastic wrap over the toilet bowl, leaving a small dip in the centre. Place the toilet seat down.
 - Pass stool onto the plastic wrap
 - Collect the specimen from the plastic using the Popsicle stick
- Remove the container cap and transfer small portions of the stool into the container using the stick provided.
- Continue adding stool until it reaches the “Fill Line” on the container. Do not overfill the container.
- Re-place the cap and tighten firmly. After replacing the cap, gently shake the container until the specimen is well mixed with the liquid.

Collection Procedure- Ova (eggs)

- Each kit (Pinworm Kit) consists of a plastic container with a plastic paddle attached to the lid. The paddles are coated with cellophane tape
- Apply the tape applicator to the anus.
- Using a rocking motion, cover as much of the perianal mucosa as possible
- Recap the container

Print the name, date of birth and collection date and time on the container.