

Stool Specimen Collection Guidelines, 24-Hours

Special gallon-size and aliquot containers are available upon request for the collection and transport of stool specimens.

- 1. Carefully read the specimen requirements.
- 2. Weigh the empty specimen container that will be provided to the patient and record the weight.
- 3. Weigh the container at the end of the stool collection and calculate the weight of the total sample.
- 4. Mix the contents well to obtain a homogeneous mixture.
- 5. Transfer the required amount into the aliquot container provided and seal it well. Maintain an aliquot of the frozen specimen at your facility if possible.
- 6. Record the total weight and collection time of the sample on both the sample container and the test requisition. **Do not send the entire stool collection unless instructions for the specific test indicate otherwise.**
- 7. Freeze the aliquot sample for transit unless otherwise indicated.