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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.