Patient Instructions for Collecting a Pinworm Sample using Swube® Pinworm Collector Collection Container

Swube® Pinworm Collector collection containers are available from Legacy Laboratory Services.

1. Collect the sample after waking up, before taking a bath or bowel movement; or late in the evening when the patient has been sleeping for several hours.

2. Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the tube.

3. Have the patient lie on his or her side; or while standing, bend at the waist.

4. Separate the buttocks and press the sticky side of the paddle on several skin areas around the anus.

5. DO NOT insert the paddle into the rectum. DO NOT submit feces on the Swube® paddle.

6. Place the paddle back into the tube. Label the tube with the patient’s name, date and time of collection and the requisition number or computer generated label.

7. Transport the paddle to the laboratory at room temperature within 7 days of collection. If using clear tape, return within 24 hours.

8. Collection of specimens on several (4-6) days in a row may be needed to rule out infection.

NOTE: If scotch tape must be used instead of a Swube® paddle, it must be CLEAR tape and be submitted sticky side down, taped to a microscope slide. Frosted transparent tape cannot be examined.