

# FAECES / PARASITES / CULTURE / ROTAVIRUS

## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

It is important to follow these instructions carefully to ensure your test results are accurate.

### Preparation:

- Obtain a faecal specimen collection pack from a laboratory collection room.
- If you need to collect more than one sample, you will be given a separate container for each day

### Collection Procedure:

1. Pass faeces into the clean plastic container provided.
2. Using the scoop attached to the lid of the sample bottle, collect a specimen of faeces. (Enough to fill 1/3 to 1/2 of the container)
3. Screw the lid of the container down firmly
4. Label the container with your name, date of birth and the date / time the specimen is collected.
5. Take care not to mix sample with urine or toilet water.
6. Bring the specimen to the laboratory or to your doctor's surgery on the **same day** as it is collected.
7. **Ensure a copy of the request form is with each specimen.**

*Your results can only be obtained from the requesting doctor*

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