



PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATES of Appleton, LTD

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STOOL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure all containers are labeled with your **full name, date of birth, date and time of collection**.
- Collect specimen in supplied collection “hat”. Then pour or scoop the specimen into the container(s). Discard collection “hat” after use. **DO NOT** return “hat” to the lab.
- Do not contaminate specimen with urine or toilet paper.
- Refrigerate specimen and return to lab as soon as possible, within 24 hours of collection. (Mon. – Fri. between 6:30am – 4:30pm).
- **MUST CHECK IN AT FRONT DESK** when bringing sample back.
 - If needing to return specimens after hours or on the weekend, please take specimens to either ThedaCare Neenah or ThedaCare Appleton. (Network Health patients can only return M-F to Primary Care)

- **GASTROINTESTINAL PCR PANEL, ENTERIC PATHOGEN CULTURE**

Orange top vial: fill container with stool specimen so the liquid reaches the red line indicated on the vial. Do not fill above red line, as the hospital lab may reject the specimen if too full. Then twist the cap tightly closed and shake the tube vigorously until the contents are well mixed. **DO NOT DRINK RED LIQUID IN CUP.**

- **OVA AND PARASITES (O&P)**

Green top vial: fill container with stool specimen so the liquid reaches the red line indicated on the vial. Then twist the cap tightly closed and shake the tube vigorously until the contents are well mixed. **DO NOT DRINK GREEN LIQUID IN CUP.**

- **FECAL LEUKOCYTES, CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE* , H. PYLORI**

Provided container with screw top lid (*same container used to collect urine specimens*). Try to fill container with enough stool specimen to completely cover the bottom of the cup. Tightly close the container. Refrigerate specimen and return to lab **same day as collected** (Mon. – Fri. between 6:30am – 4:30pm).

**C. Diff Samples must be liquid or consistency of melted ice cream. Formed stool will be rejected and asked to collect again.*

If you have any questions, please contact Primary Care Associates Lab at 996-1000