



Diagnostic Laboratories

Procedure for Stool Culture, C.difficile, Fecal Fat

Collecting Specimen:

- **The stool should be passed into a clean, DRY container. A bedpan or place a large plastic bag into a waste basket to catch the specimen. Also, a wide mouth container can be used.**
- **BABIES IN DIAPERS: The stool may be taken from the diaper and placed in the containers as described below. If the child has diarrhea, line the diaper with plastic wrap.**
- **Do not contaminate specimen with urine.**
- **Do not retrieve fecal specimen from toilet bowl.**

Specimen Container:

- **Additional test may have been ordered such as a Clostridium difficile or fecal fat. Please place the specimen in the specimen container for stool culture, clostridium difficile, or fecal fetal. This container needs to be refrigerated until brought back to the physician's office.**
- **Specimen will be rejected if the stool is formed.**

Return the containers to the physician's office with any accompanying paperwork within 24 hours. Please label specimen with first and last name