

Pinworm Collection

How to Prepare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ideal time for this procedure is early in the morning prior emptying the bowels. Pinworm ova (eggs) are deposited on the skin near the anal opening during the night, or when the patient is at rest.
Risks or Cautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not wipe or wash anal area before collecting the sample. Do not insert the collection paddle into the rectum. Do not allow any stool to get on the paddle. Wash hands thoroughly after collection as pinworm eggs are highly infectious.
Labelling the Specimen	<p>Label the collection container with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your (the patient) <u>full first and last name</u> <u>The date and time of specimen collection</u> Your unique personal health number (PHN or ULI#) Alberta PHN is found on the Alberta Personal Health Card  <p>If you do not have a PHN or ULI please ask your local laboratory for alternatives. Please note all specimens need 2 identifiers to be processed.</p>
Lab Requisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Print the date and time the sample was collected on your lab requisition. Fold and place the requisition in the <u>outside</u> pocket of the plastic bag.
Collecting the Specimen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unscrew the cap from the container. Inside the container is a plastic paddle. One side of the paddle is coated with a non-toxic, mildly sticky material. This side is marked "sticky side". Do not touch this surface with your fingers. Separate the buttock and using moderate pressure, press the sticky surface against the skin surrounding the anus. Remove the paddle from the skin and place it back into the container. Tighten the cap. Place container into biohazard bag.
Specimen Delivery to Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring your specimen and requisition to your local laboratory as soon as possible. Prolonged delays will affect the test results. Store at room temperature.
Questions About Your Collection?	<p>Laboratory location, hours and contact information may be found at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca Alberta Precision Laboratories 1-877-868-6848 Health Link Alberta at 811