

**South Zone Stool Collection –  
Ova & Parasites**

<p><b>How to prepare</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are required to collect more than one set of specimens, the laboratory will supply you with another set of containers when the first set of specimens are returned to the laboratory.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Risks or Cautions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DO NOT</b> use a laxative, antibiotics, anti-diarrheal drugs or enemas before collecting stool specimen(s).</li> <li><b>DO NOT</b> let urine, water or other contaminants mix with the stool specimen.</li> <li><b>DO NOT</b> discard liquid in container</li> <li>Stool collected directly into diapers are not acceptable for testing. Line diaper with plastic wrap and collect sample from plastic wrap.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="329 636 1539 840"> <tr> <td> <p>Container Information</p> <p><b>SAF FIXATIVE – POISON – <u>Keep out of reach of children</u></b></p> <p><b>DO NOT DRINK!</b></p> <p><b>DO NOT</b> induce vomiting if accidental ingestion occurs</p> <p>Contains Acetic Acid, Formaldehyde and Sodium Acetate</p> <p>If swallowed, please call: <b>POISON CONTROL 1-800-332-1414</b></p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Container Information</p> <p><b>SAF FIXATIVE – POISON – <u>Keep out of reach of children</u></b></p> <p><b>DO NOT DRINK!</b></p> <p><b>DO NOT</b> induce vomiting if accidental ingestion occurs</p> <p>Contains Acetic Acid, Formaldehyde and Sodium Acetate</p> <p>If swallowed, please call: <b>POISON CONTROL 1-800-332-1414</b></p>
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<p><b>Labelling the Sample</b></p>	<p>Label the collection container with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your (the patient) <b><u>full first and last name, date and time of collection, Provincial Health Insurance (PHN/ULI), or Government issued identification such as (Federal, Military, RCMP, Immigration, Passport #)</u></b></li> <li>If you have been provided with a patient label, attach this label to the outside of the container.</li> <li>Incorrectly or incompletely labeled specimens may not be tested.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Lab Requisition</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Print</b> the date/time the sample was collected on your lab requisition.</li> <li><b>Fold</b> and place the requisition in the <b>outside</b> pocket of the biohazard bag. <b>Do not</b> put the requisition in the bag with the sample collection container.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Collecting the Sample</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty bladder</li> <li>Collect stool specimen into an empty, clean plastic container. Alternately, place a clean piece of aluminum foil or plastic wrap over the toilet bowl.</li> <li>Transfer stool specimen to containers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select areas of the stool that are especially bloody, watery or mucousy, and using the transfer device provided in collection container, place enough stool into the container until the liquid reaches the “Fill Line”. <b>Do not</b> overfill container.</li> <li>Mash the specimen to help mix it with the fluid. Replace cap and <b>TIGHTEN</b>. Shake container until the specimen is mixed well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wash hands with soap and water after collection is complete.</li> <li>Place container into biohazard bag.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Sample Delivery to Lab</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return sample and requisition to the laboratory as soon as possible.</li> <li>If unable to return sample to the laboratory immediately, keep sample at room temperature.</li> <li>Sample <b>MUST</b> be returned to the laboratory the same day it is collected.</li> <li>Prolonged delays may affect the test results</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Questions About Your Collection?</b></p>	<p>Lethbridge – (403) 388-6057 Medicine Hat – (403) 529-8919</p>	