

Stool Collection Instructions and Handling



Directions for Use

1 Lift toilet seat, put container into support ring and place container unit on toilet bowl.



2 Put the toilet seat down to hold the support ring in place.



3 After collection of sample, remove the container unit from toilet bowl and snap lid on tightly to prevent leakage of the sample.



4 Untighten support ring as shown in the picture, hand the container in to the medical staff or send it according to instructions.



Collect the specimen as follows:

- Urinate before collecting the stool so that you do not get any urine in the stool sample. Do not urinate while passing the stool.
- Stool can contain material that spreads infection, so wash your hands before and after you collect the specimen.
- Pass stool (but no urine) into a sterile cup.
- Either solid or liquid stool can be collected.
- Do not collect the sample from the toilet bowl.
- Do not mix toilet paper, water, or soap with the sample.
- Place the lid on the container and label it with your name, date of birth, and the date/time the stool was collected.
- Deliver your stool specimen within 24 hours of collection. ALL stool specimens must be **refrigerated** until specimen is delivered to the laboratory.

Reasons why the specimen may not be accepted:

- A stool sample that is mixed with urine.
- Not collecting a large enough sample.
- Not getting the stool sample to the lab for testing in the appropriate amount of time.

No special preparation is required before collecting a stool specimen (sample). You should be given a stool collection kit to collect the specimen at home.

