**STOOL SPECIMEN COLLECTION QUICK GUIDE**

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| * C. Diff * Crypto and Giardia * Stool Culture * H. Pylori | Orange top container with transport medium (Cary Blair)  Stool should be added to this container within 30 minutes of collection.  After addition to the preservative, sample is good at room temp for 72 hours. |
| * Ova and Parasites (Travel History) | Green top container with transport medium (Ecofix)  Stool should be added to this container within 30 minutes of collection.  After addition to the preservative, sample is good at room temp for 72 hours. |
| * WBC, stool | Blue top container with transport medium (PVA)  Stool should be added to this container within 30 minutes of collection.  After addition to the preservative, sample is good at room temp for 72 hours. |
| * Calprotectin * Pancreatic Elastase * Lactoferrin * Fecal Fat | Mayo (white) stool cup. This specimen must be refrigerated and delivered to the Lab within 24 hours.  If multiple tests ordered, each test must have a white cup with a sample. |
| * Electrolyte and Osmolality | **This specimen must be liquid!**  Mayo (white) stool cup. This specimen must be refrigerated and delivered to the Lab within 24 hours. |
| * Occult Blood, Stool | Stool must be applied according to protocol to the Serracult card.  May be kept at room temp for 24 hours. |
| * GI Panel (to Mayo) | Orange top container with transport medium (Cary Blair)  Stool should be added to this container within 30 minutes of collection.  After addition to the preservative, sample is good at room temp but must be received in the laboratory the same day as collection. |