





Microbiology Stool Specimen Submission Guidelines

TEST	SPECIMEN STABILITY	EXPECTED TAT	WHAT TO COLLECT	COLLECTION DEVICE
C-Diff	3 days refrigerated *For best results send sample to lab ASAP*	1 day Testing performed Monday - Friday	Stool Sterile container *Formed stools will be rejected	Sterile container
Giardia/Crypto Antigen	2 days room temp if submitted in Black Total-Fix container	1 day Testing performed Monday – Friday	Stool Black Total-Fix vial Collection kit available from lab upon request	
GI PCR (GI Panel)	2 days room temperature must be submitted in Orange culture and sensitivity vial	Send out test Results in 2-4 days on average	Stool Orange culture and sensitivity vial	
Ova and Parasite Exam	2 days room temp must be submitted in Black Total-Fix container	Send out test Results in 5-7 days on average	Stool Black Total-Fix vial Collection kit available from lab upon request	
Stool Culture	2 days room temperature Must be submitted in Orange culture and sensitivity vial	4 days Testing performed each day	Stool Orange culture and sensitivity vial Collection kit available from lab upon request	
WBC stool	1 hour *send sample to lab ASAP*	Same day	Stool Sterile container	Sterile container
Fecal pH	1 day room temp 2 days refrigerated	Same day	Stool Sterile container	Sterile container
Calprotectin Pancreatic Elastase	7 days room temp	Send out test Results in 5-7 days on average	Stool Sterile container	Sterile container
H Pylori	3 days refrigerated	Send out test Results in 5-7 days on average	Stool Sterile container	Sterile container