

# Stool Specimen Collection Kit

## Instructions for Public Health Collection Site

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The stool kit will cover testing for Enteric Pathogens and Norovirus. As clinically indicated, the suspected pathogen must be noted on the specimen submission form in the laboratory examination requested. Stools collected for **Campylobacter** testing must be shipped overnight on a cold pack.

### STOOL KIT CONTENTS

1. Stool collection container – Cary Blair (pink liquid)
2. Cold pack
3. Biohazard bag with absorbent pad
4. Foam packing insert
5. Specimen submission form
6. Pre-address postage-paid outer mailer
7. Clear plastic bag

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put an absorbent pad into each biohazard bag.
2. Inform the patient to add stool to the fill in on the container.
3. Inform the patient to **freeze** the cold pack **immediately**.
4. Give the patient the complete kit including the patient's instructions.

### INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SPECIMEN SUBMISSION FORM

1. Fill out the specimen submission form for the patient and place into the clear plastic bag.
2. Inform the patient to fill in the collection date on the slip and stool container.
3. Write the **Field Investigation number (FI)**, if applicable
  - a. Patient name: (Last, First, Middle)
  - b. Address:
  - c. City, including Zip Code
  - d. County:
  - e. Date of Birth:
  - f. Sex:
  - g. Date of onset:
  - h. Specific agent suspected: such as **NOROVIRUS- FIELD INVESTIGATION (FI) NUMBER**
  - i. Source of specimen: **STOOL**
  - j. Media: Cary Blair
  - k. Date and Time collected:
  - l. Laboratory examination requested: **NOROVIRUS TEST, ENTERIC PATHOGENS**
  - m. Submitter name, address, phone number, or site number:
    - i. **County or Municipal Health Center**
    - ii. **State Health Center**

An indicator has been incorporated in the Cary Blair medium to indicate a change in pH. If a dramatic change in color (yellow or purple) is observed prior to addition of stool, the kit is unsatisfactory. **Throw the media out and reorder.** Monitor the expiration dates of the Carey Blair medium inventory and order as needed.