

Collection for Faeces Microscopy and Culture



Equipment

- 1x Brown-top Container
Available from any Clinical Labs collection centre or your doctor.



Sample Required

A fresh faecal specimen is to be collected in the faecal specimen container. The minimum amount required is approximately 1g (the size of a walnut).



Special Requirements

- Specimens collected into toilet paper or absorbent nappies are unsuitable.
- If the doctor has not noted your clinical history, the collector will need to ask if you have recently traveled, eaten shellfish or taken antibiotics.

Procedure

- Collect a faeces specimen (bowel motion the size of a walnut) and transfer it into the faecal specimen container provided. The sample can be passed into a separate clean container, for example, a plastic ice cream container and then scrape the faeces into the sterile faecal specimen container using the scoop which forms part of the lid.
- **Write your surname, first given name, date of birth and the date/time of collection on the container label.**
- Please deliver the completed sample to a Clinical Labs collection centre as soon as possible or within a maximum of 24 hours.
- The collection staff will check your details (surname, first given name, date of birth and date/time of collection on the container label) against the pathology request form to ensure the sample is matched to the doctor's request. This is done to ensure the safety and security of the reporting of your results.

Note

Medicare reimbursement is limited to one test only for microscopy and culture in any 7 day period. A separately collected specimen for ova, cysts and parasites only, collected in the same 7 day period as the specimen for micro and culture, is Medicare rebatable. If your doctor requires further testing, a new referral and specimen is required.