

Collection of Faeces For Micro Culture & Sensitivity / Cysts, Ova and Parasites (MC&S, OCP)

Detection of *Dientamoeba fragilis*

*Collection in SAF is essential for detection of *Dientamoeba fragilis**



Equipment

The kit contains:-

- 1 large plastic disposable container
- 1 clear yellow topped jar with a special preservative (SAF)
- 1 brown topped jar
- 1 pair of gloves
- 2 plastic specimen bags

Procedure

Label the jars clearly with:

- Your name (surname & first name)
- Your date of birth
- The date & time of collection

Collection Instructions

1. Put on the gloves.
2. **Formed or soft stool samples:** line the clean plastic container provided with toilet paper. Place inside the toilet bowl.
3. Pass faeces into the container. Do not pass urine into the container.
4. Using the scoop in the lid of the brown jar provided, carefully transfer some faeces into the brown-topped container. Sample any areas containing blood or mucous. The sample amount should be about the size of a cherry. Sample at least 3 areas.
5. Repeat for the clear yellow topped jar. DO NOT pour out the preservative. Gently mix the faecal material with the preservative. It is important to immerse all the sample in the preservative. Close the lid tightly so it does not leak.
6. Discard the remaining contents of the large plastic container into the toilet.

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7. **Watery diarrhea samples:** pass into the clean unlined container provided and then carefully pour a portion of the liquid into the brown jar and a portion into the clear yellow top jar. Be careful not to come in contact with the solution in the yellow jar.
8. Half fill the jars only.
9. Place each jar into the plastic bag provided.
10. Discard the gloves into the plastic container, seal and discard into your garbage bin.
11. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
12. If instructed by your doctor, repeat the collection with the next bowel motion using a separate kit.

Storage & Delivery

- Please refrigerate the brown jar specimen until you deliver it, preferably on the same day. The yellow top clear jar can be kept at room temperature.
- Deliver both specimens to the nearest Clinical Labs pathology collection centre or your doctor's surgery as soon as possible.

Safety Information

- ***The preservative in the clear container is sodium acetate formalin (SAF) and is TOXIC.***
- ***It must be kept away from children.***
- ***If swallowed seek medical attention immediately.***
- ***If it comes into contact with your skin or eyes, wash it off immediately under running water and seek medical advice.***