

# Information Sheet

## FAECES FOR MICROSCOPY AND CULTURE AND PARASITES



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### COLLECTION GUIDE

#### Equipment

**Parasites** - 1 yellow topped container (with fluid)

**Culture** - 1 Brown topped container (dry)

#### Specimen Collection

**Note:** Both containers have scoops attached to their lids for collection of faeces.

Collect 2 specimens on 2 separate days.

1. **Label the containers with the patient's full name, date of birth, UR number** (if applicable), or Medicare number, and time and date of collection.
2. It is suggested that your faeces sample is collected initially into a plastic disposable container (an ice-cream container is ideal).
3. **CONTAINER WITH FLUID** - Collect a level scoop of faeces and place into container. Take care not to spill fluid. Secure lid.
4. **DRY CONTAINER** - Using scoop collect a small amount of faeces (about the size of 20c piece) and place into container. Secure lid.
5. Ensure lids are tightly sealed. Place in specimen bag and seal.
6. The specimens are to be refrigerated and sent to the laboratory on the day of collection.

#### Pathology Collection

Angliss Hospital	-	9764 6493
Box Hill Hospital	-	9895 4905
Healesville Hospital	-	5969 9949
Maroondah Hospital	-	9871 3579
Tecoma Collection Rooms	-	9754 1441
Yarra Ranges Health	-	8706 9665 (Tues & Thurs morning only)

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