

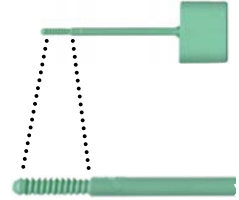
Feces (Stool) Collection and Transport

■ Fecal Occult Blood Test (iFOBT) – Immunochemical Test:



- Complete label on iFOBT sample vial
- PRINT name, age, date sample collected in spaces indicated and circle gender

- Twist and lift green cap on sample vial to reveal sample probe attached to cap
- Scrape sample surface with probe; rotate to coat grooves on probe with feces
- Replace coated probe into vial and push green cap on tightly until it snaps – do **not** reopen
- Acceptable up to **8 days room temperature**; 2 weeks refrigerated



■ Routine Culture, Feces

Use **Orange Cap** (Para-Pak) vial
for “**Routine Culture, Feces**”



- IMPORTANT**
- Use plastic spoon device affixed to vial cap to add feces from cardboard container to required vial
 - Add amount of feces to displace liquid within vial up to, but **not beyond**, the “**FILL LINE**” indicated on vial
 - Do **not** overfill vial

- Acceptable up to **24 hours at room temp**

■ Ova & Parasites (O&P)

Use **Yellow Cap** (SAF) vial
for “**O&P**”



- Acceptable up to **2 weeks at room temp**

■ *Clostridium difficile* Toxins A & B, GDH Antigen, and Toxin B Gene

- Place liquid feces (preferred), or unformed feces, into sterile plastic container with tightly fitting lid
- **Immediately** place specimen container in ice slush (ice and water mixture) until it can be refrigerated
- Maintain specimen container in ice slush or refrigerated during storage and transport
- Acceptable up to **72 hours refrigerated**
- If greater than 72 hours, specimen must be frozen



Note: Refer to the South Bend Medical Foundation “Specimen Collection Guide” for complete collection instructions and other methods of collection