





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS FOR STOOL COLLECTIONS

1. Follow the instructions for the different vials depending on the stool test your doctor has ordered.
2. **If the vial contains liquid DO NOT DISCARD IT, add stool carefully up to the indicator line. The liquids in the vials are POISONOUS! Keep out of reach of children.**
3. Do not collect the stool from the toilet, no urine or water can come in contact with the stool.
4. Do not overfill the vials.
5. Screw lids onto the vials tightly.
6. Label all containers with the patient name, birth date, date and time of collection and the stool consistency (Examples: watery, loose, soft, firm) on the container.
7. Take the vials to the nearest Sanford facility. Please call the Sanford Laboratory if you have any questions: 701-323-5439.

### COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS & CONTAINERS FOR OUTPATIENTS

TEST ORDERED BY PHYSICIAN (highlighted)	VIAL(S) TO PLACE STOOL IN	COLLECTION	HOW/WHEN TO TAKE TO THE LAB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enteric Pathogen Panel Without C diff, NAT – NBLD0652</li> <li>• Culture Bacterial Stool with Shiga-like toxin -MICR0037</li> </ul>	<p>Orange Cap Cary Blair Transport Media</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using attached spoon, fill to indicator line of vial</li> <li>• <b>DO NOT FILL ABOVE THE LINE</b></li> <li>• Mix well</li> <li>• Specimen must be placed in media within 2 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take vial to the laboratory within 24 hours.</li> <li>• Store refrigerated</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clostridium difficile by NAAT – NBLD0564</li> <li>• Helicobacter pylori antigen – NBLD0141</li> <li>• Fecal lactoferrin qualitative – NBLD0422</li> <li>• Rotavirus – NBLD0231</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using a wooden stick, add about 10-15 ml of liquid stool or a walnut-sized amount of formed stool.</li> <li>• Refrigerate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take vial to the laboratory within 24 hours</li> <li>• Store refrigerated</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cryptosporidium/Giardia Rapid Assay – NBLD0418</li> <li>• Ova and Parasite Exam – MICR0011</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using attached spoon, fill to indicator line of vial.</li> <li>• Mix well within 20 minutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take vial to the laboratory within 24 hours.</li> <li>• Store at room temperature, do not refrigerate or freeze.</li> </ul>
OTHER TESTS:			

**\*\* Laboratory staff – please circle the vial (s) that the patient needs to return.**