






## Common Stool Specimen Container Job Aide

Test Name	Test Code on the Label	Container Type	Special considerations
Stool culture (C&S)	CSTC	Orange top, sterile 	Not done on patients who have been admitted for more than 5 days. Exception for eating disorder locations.
Clostridium difficile Toxin Stool ( C.diff)	CCDT	Orange top, sterile 	Not performed on formed stools.
Gastrointestinal Virus Panel NAT CWH	CGIV	Orange top, sterile 	Repeat request will not be performed with 7 days from previous positive result
Fecal Leukocytes ( Stool WBC)	CFLK	Orange top, sterile 	Transport specimen immediately to the laboratory after collection. The sensitivity of the test decreases if the specimen is not tested within 2 hours of collection.
Ova and Parasites Exam ( O&P)	POPI	SAF fixative container 	<p>Please ensure lid is secured tightly, filled with fixative.</p> <p><u>SAF fixative container</u> – note cap colour may change, ensure container is labelled as SAF fixative</p>

### Note

1. If you have any questions about testing or collection, contact Microbiology lab at extension 7460
2. Stool specimen can NOT be sent by Pneumatic tubes. Please request porter service for delivery
3. If only one specimen container collected for multiple test requests, please place the additional labels in the pouch of the biohazardous bag.