| UnityPoint Health Cedar Rapids | PATIENT STOOL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS | | |
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You have been issued containers for the collection of stool specimens for tests your provider has ordered. Please read the following information carefully before beginning collection. If you have any questions, please call the office before collecting your specimen.

**Supplies**:

1 stool collection hat, 3 stool collection containers (white, green*, yellow*), 3 specimen labels

***SAF and Formalin are poisonous**. If ingested have person drink a large amount of water and call doctor/hospital immediately




**Directions:**

1. Collect stool specimen using provided hat or directly from diaper for pediatric patients. **DO NOT MIX URINE WITH STOOL SPECIMEN**
2. Open containers and using spoon attached to lid, **add stool up to the indicated "fill to here" black arrow** or if container contains liquid until the liquid reaches the "fill to here" black arrow. **DO NOT FILL ABOVE THE BLACK ARROW**
3. Replace cap to corresponding colored container and gently invert to mix specimen.
4. Label each container with (1) Patient Name, (2) Date of Birth, (3) Date and Time of collection using the provided specimen labels.
5. Place containers back into provided biohazard bag and return to any MedLabs location or Jones Regional Lab immediately or within 48 hours if specimen is kept refrigerated until returned.
    a. Please see included MedLabs appt card for locations and hours of operation.