Stool Collection Quick Guide for Nursing/Providers

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Test and Order	Container/Contents	Storage and Handling
Infectious Stool Panel Standard (SSPNL)	Cary Blair with Indicator (green cap)	▪ Refrigerate ▪ Stable 96hrs
Stool for White Blood Cells LAB731 (FECLAC)	Empty Vial (white cap)	▪ Refrigerate ▪ Stable for 7 days
Giardia/Cryptosporidium Expanded Stool Panel (STLPCR) or LAB2608 (MISCLM)	Cary Blair with Indicator (green cap)	▪ Refrigerate ▪ Stable for 96 hrs
Ova and Parasites LAB258 (SSPARA)	SAF Vial (yellow cap)	▪ Room Temperature ▪ Stable for 7 days ▪ Place fresh specimens into preservative with-in 1 hr
Clostridium difficile LAB2162 (SPCRCD)	Empty Vial (white cap)	▪ Refrigerate ▪ Stable for 5 days
Fecal Fat LAB392 (STFATM)	Empty Vial (white cap)	▪ Random Specimen ▪ Refrigerate/Freeze
Fecal Fat—72hr Qual LAB392 (STFATM)	Obtain Container from Reference Lab	▪ 48-72hr preferred ▪ Refrigerate /Freeze
Reducing Substance LAB442 (UREDF)	Empty Vial (white cap)	▪ Aliquot for other tests then freeze immediately
Immuno Fecal Occult LAB4079 (IFOBS3-SCREEN) OR LAB480 (IFOBD3-DIAGNOSTIC)	FIT Collection Vial or Empty Vial (white cap)	▪ See FIT kit instructions ▪ If collected in empty vial, must be returned to lab within 4hrs
H. pylori Stool Antigen LAB 397 (HPYLSA)	Empty Vial (white cap) OR Cary Blair with Indicator (green cap)	▪ Stable 96 hours
Norovirus Expanded Stool Panel (STLPCR) or LAB3410(NVPCR)	Cary Blair with Indicator (green cap)	▪ Refrigerate ▪ Stable 96hrs
Coccidian Panel LAB2607 (MISCLB)	SAF Vial (yellow cap)	▪ Room Temperature ▪ Stable 96hrs
Rotavirus LAB443 (SROTA)	Empty Vial (white cap)	▪ Refrigerate ▪ Stable for 72 hours

DISCLAIMER: Collection device colors are subject to change. This chart is not inclusive of all testing for organisms (bacterial/viral). Refer to the Clinical Laboratory Manual for latest collection and testing Requirements.
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