

Collection of Stool Specimen for *H. pylori*

Proper collection procedures must be followed to ensure an adequate specimen.

Note: The patient should not have taken antimicrobials, bismuth or proton pump inhibitors within two weeks of the test.

*Interfering Substances: The following substances that may be present in human stool, **do not** interfere with positive or negative test results at the concentrations: TUMS (10 mg), Mylanta (0.84 mg), Pepto Bismol (0.35 mg), Tagamet (1 mg), and Prilosec OTC (1 mg).*

Instructions

1. Put a collection hat over the toilet bowl. Lower the seat and pass the stool into the hat.
2. Transfer the stool specimen into the container provided by your doctor or laboratory.
3. Label the container with your **full legal name, date of birth, collection date and time.**
4. Return the specimen to the laboratory or Patient Service Center.
5. If you are unable to return the specimen promptly, keep the specimen refrigerated and return to the laboratory as soon as possible but within 24 hours.