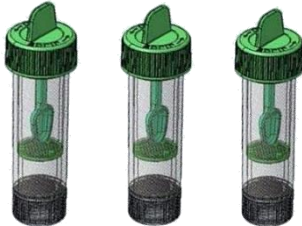


COPROPARASITOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Instructions for sample collection

CONTAINER	<p>Plastic test tubes with screw cap (equipped with a spoon under the cap) containing a preservative liquid provided by the Blood and Urine Test Centre. If possible, the test should be performed on 3 samples.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>NB: The liquid contained in the test tubes must not be discarded!</p> <p>NB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep out of reach of children. • The liquid from the bottle must not be swallowed, and if it happens, you must contact a doctor immediately. • Avoid contact with skin and eyes, since the liquid is irritating. In case of contact, wash with plenty of water. • NEVER OPEN THE CAP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VIAL. </div> </div>
PROCEDURE	<p>During the collection period, do not make use of laxatives, purgatives, antidiarrheal medications, suppositories, or antimicrobials. It is advisable to avoid the consumption of: legumes, dry fruit, fruits and vegetables with resistant cuticles (peaches, tomatoes, pears, strawberries, figs), carrots and bananas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect the stool on a dry and clean surface (bed pan, sheet of paper or plastic bag that can be placed in a bidet, in a bowl or under the toilet seat) • N.B. Do not contaminate stool with urine and toilet water (do not collect the faeces directly from the toilet) • Using the spoon under the cap, transfer about 1 ml of unformed stool (corresponding to about 10 times the spoon placed under the cap) • Screw the cap tightly and shake delicately to allow correct mixing between the sample and the storage liquid • Collect, following the aforesaid procedure, 3 samples of stool on different days (3 alternate days, for example: Monday--Friday)
STORAGE	<p>During collection, the samples must be stored at room temperature. Deliver all containers to the Blood and Urine Test Centre in accordance with the opening hours.</p>
REMARKS	<p>IMPORTANT: Always fill in the clinical/epidemiological questionnaire provided to you.</p> <p>If the patient detects in the stool any material from which he could suspect the presence of a parasite (e.g. worms, proglottids, etc.), he must separate the material to be examined from the stool and introduce it in a sterile container with a screw cap. The jar must be delivered together with the collected samples.</p>

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