

PINWORM SAMPLE COLLECTION

At least three (3) consecutive daily samples are required. Remember that all specimens collected may contain infectious organisms. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after each collection and keep the specimens in plastic or paper bags in the refrigerator.

1. Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the container.
 2. It is very **IMPORTANT** that sampling is done **EITHER** in the morning immediately after waking up and before bathing or having a bowel movement **OR** between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and midnight, after the child has been in bed for a few hours.
 3. Separate the buttocks and press the sticky surface of the paddle against the area of skin around the anal orifice. Do not touch the paddle after use.
 4. Replace the paddle in the container and screw cap tightly.
 5. Remember to wash your hands.
 6. Write the child's name on the container.
 7. Ensure that the requisition is filled out completely, using the hospital card. The requisition should also include:
 - A. the doctor's name and phone number
 - B. the date and time the sample was collected; number each requisition and the corresponding sample (#1, #2, or #3)
 8. Specimens must be refrigerated and delivered to the lab within 24 hours.
 9. Specimens may be dropped off from Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (room B02.5118). We are closed on holidays and weekends. Please be sure to bring the specimen, your child's hospital card and the doctor's requisition.
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