

Pinworm Paddle Collection Instructions

This kit contains three (3) collection tubes. Each collection tube includes a clear plastic paddle. One side of the paddle is coated with a sticky substance.

When a patient is infected with pinworms, eggs from the pinworms are usually deposited on the skin near the anus while the patient is asleep. These pinworm eggs are visible only under a microscope.

The pinworm paddle is designed to stick to and collect these eggs if they are present.

To get the most accurate results from this test, proper collection is important. Follow the steps below to help ensure the best success.

Collection instructions

The night before collection:

1. Do not use any ointment or powder on the patient.

The morning of collection:

2. Collect the sample first thing in the morning before washing, wiping, or using the toilet.
3. Open the tube and hold the paddle by the cap, leaving the paddle attached to the cap.
4. Do NOT touch the paddle with your fingers.
5. Separate the buttocks and using a rocking motion, gently press the sticky side of the paddle against the folds of skin around and across the anus.
6. Do NOT insert the paddle into the rectum or contaminate it with stool.
7. Replace the paddle in the tube and secure the cap tightly.

After collecting your sample:

8. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and warm water.
9. Label the container with the patient's name, date of birth, and date of collection.
10. **Refrigerate all samples until shipment. Do not freeze.**

Collect the remaining two samples on consecutive days. Sample #2 should be collected the next morning, and sample #3 should be collected the morning thereafter. If a day is missed, collect the next morning. Follow all instructions above when collecting remaining samples.

Record dates and times of collection here:

	Date	Time
Tube #1	_____	_____
Tube #2	_____	_____
Tube #3	_____	_____

Ship all samples together on the final day of collection, or as soon as possible, using the box provided.

RETURN ALL TUBES TOGETHER - DO NOT SHIP SEPARATELY

Date shipped: _____

Note: Stool specimens are NOT satisfactory for pinworm examination. Paddles that are contaminated with stool are not acceptable for examination.

STORAGE & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SPECIMENS

- ☐ Ship samples on same day as last sample collection (preferred). If not, refrigerate samples; ship within 3 days.
- ☐ Write name, address, date of birth, and collection date on the order form.
- ☐ Write name and date of birth on all vials.
- ☐ Be sure required test orders are marked on the order form. If not, please contact your provider for test orders.
- ☐ Include payment check or credit card information, if applicable. We do not accept cash.
- ☐ Place vials, order form, and payment into kit box.
- ☐ **US Domestic:** Tuck front flap into box and seal with shipping label (included in box). Place label within dashed lines and adhere over front edge of box. Drop off test kit with the carrier indicated on the return shipping label.
- ☐ **International:** shipping charges will apply. Ship test kit with FedEx and select two to three day delivery. Deliveries can be made Monday through Friday. International shipping forms are available on our website. See Patients -> Shipping Instructions

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