

Gastrointestinal (GI) Collection Guide 2022

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

- (1) Requisition (Electronic or Paper)
- (1) Pair of gloves and other PPE Required
- (1) Specimen biohazard Bag
- (1) Puritan Fecal Opti-Swab or MTM Universal Swab Collection Kit.
- Specimen toilet hat if needed.

FOR RECTAL SWAB COLLECTION

STEP 1

LABEL SPECIMEN TUBE, FILL OUT TESTING ORDER

- Label specimen tube with the patient's full legal name and DOB.
- **Improperly labeled tubes will cause a rejection.**
- Electronic ordering - <https://innovativegx.limsabc.com/>
- **Not providing proper demographics, insurance information, copy of insurance card front and back, ICD-10 codes with provider signature may cause a rejection.**



STEP 2

- Peel open sterile pouch and remove the specimen tube and swab. Do not touch swab tip.
- Patient or provider will insert swab through the rectal sphincter 2 to 3 cm and gently rotate.
- Withdraw and examine to make sure there is fecal material visible on the swab tip.
- **If no fecal material visible, please repeat collection procedure.**
- Remove specimen tube cap and insert swab inside tube.
- Break the top of swab tip at breakpoint.
- Place the specimen tube cap and securing tightly.
- **If the specimen tube cap is not sealed tight and correctly, specimen will leak and will cause a rejection.**

STOOL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- Patient will pass stool into specimen hat on the toilet.
- Peel open sterile pouch and remove the specimen tube and swab. Do not touch swab tip.
- Insert entire swab tip into stool collected to collect a small amount of stool specimen. Rotate swab several times.
- **Bloody, slimy, or watery areas of stool should be selected and sampled with swab.**
- Withdraw and examine to make sure there is fecal material visible on the swab tip.
- **If no fecal material visible, please repeat collection procedure.**
- Remove specimen tube cap and insert swab inside tube.
- Break the top of swab tip at breakpoint.
- Place the specimen tube cap and securing tightly.
- **If the specimen tube cap is not sealed tight and correctly, specimen will leak and will cause a rejection.**

PREPARE SPECIMEN FOR SHIPPING

- Place the tightly sealed and properly labeled specimen tube inside the biohazard bag.
- Place patient demographic and insurance information into document pouch within biohazard bag.