

# FAECES COLLECTIONS - CULTURE AND MICROSCOPY



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## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

### Important - Specimen labelling and delivery:

1. Ensure full first and last names and date of birth (dd/mm/yy) are clearly written on the specimen container
2. Ensure date and time of collection is written on the request form and specimen container

### Specimen collection:

- Ensure the bladder is empty by passing urine into the toilet so it does not contaminate the faeces.
- Collect a fresh faeces specimen directly into a faeces container provided to you.
- The scoop attached to the lid of the faeces container can be used to transfer the specimen
- The minimum amount required is approximately 1g (size of a walnut), no more than a half full container.
- Take the specimen (and form) into the Collection Centre as soon as possible after collection.

**Note:** If more than one sample is required repeat the above procedure the following day and deliver the specimen to Labtests Collection Centre as soon as possible

**For further information, please call 09 574 7399**