



Stool, Feces

Collection Procedure

1. Collect specimen in a clean bed pan or use a stool collection container placed between the toilet seat and the bowl.
2. Do not submit feces contaminated with urine or toilet water.
3. Immediately transfer specimen into the appropriate preservative per the **Fecal Collection, Preservation and Transportation Chart.**

Note: Only loose or diarrheal stools are recommended for routine bacterial culture.

Formed stool, stool from children <2 years of age, and stool from patients tested within the past 12 days, will not be accepted for *C. difficile* testing.