





Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Orderable - STLC

Turnaround Time: 2 days

Alternate Name(s):

Faeces Culture

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Samples are batched and results are reported as they become available. Routine testing is restricted to outpatients and inpatients who have been hospitalized less than 72 hours.

Specimen	Collection Information	Collection Device
Stool Colostomy or Ileostomy contents	Have patient pass stool into a clean, dry bedpan or special container mounted to toilet.	
	Transfer portion of stool (5 mL/1 gram) to fill to the line on the enteric transport device. Select portion containing mucous, blood or pus to the enteric transport media.	Salon Transport Suker Salon Transport Suker Salon Transport Suker Salon Benefit Suker Sal
	Avoid contamination with urine.	

Avoid the use of mineral oil, compounds containing Kaolin or barium, bismuth, Milk of Magnesia, antacids, prior to collection.

Special Processing:

- If Aeromonas or Plesiomonas, is suspected, specify this in the **Specimen Description** field when placing the order in PowerChart.
- If food or waterborne outbreaks are suspected, indicate this on the request. Fo <u>Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile toxin</u>, see separate listing in Lab Test Information Guide. For all other requests, consult with the Microbiologist on call 19000
- If patients in the Neonatal Unit are suspected of Necrotizing Syndrome or colonization specify this in the Specimen Description field when placing the order in PowerChart.



Laboratory: Microbiology



Requisition:

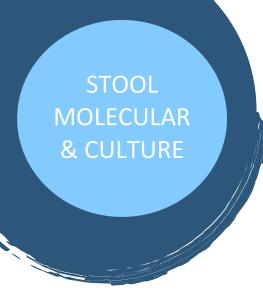
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis: Molecular / culture



Test Schedule: Twice Daily







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Comments:

1. Adults:

The laboratory routinely screens for *Campylobacter jejuni/coli*, Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli*, *Salmonella* and *Shigella*/Enteroinvasive *E. coli*.

Note: if Yersinia is suspected, please indicate when ordering.

2. Children:

The laboratory routinely screens for *Campylobacter jejuni/coli*, Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella*/Enteroinvasive *E. coli* and *Yersinia enterocolitica*.

If other pathogens are suspected due to patient history or travel etc., please discuss with the Microbiologist on-call and notify the laboratory in advance.

Some tests may be referred to Public Health Laboratory.

Stool cultures submitted on inpatients admitted for more than 72 hours (adults)/96 hours (pediatric) will not be processed. Contact the Microbiologist on-call if testing is required.

Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be refrigerated if collected in a sterile container.

The specimen must be stored at room temperature if collected in enteric transport media.

The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.