

Patient Instructions

Copan Fecal Swab for Infectious Diarrhea and C. difficile Collection Instructions

These instructions are for the Copan Fecal Swab container. Refer to separate set of instructions if you have received other collection container(s).

Warning: **Do not** pour out or drink the liquid.

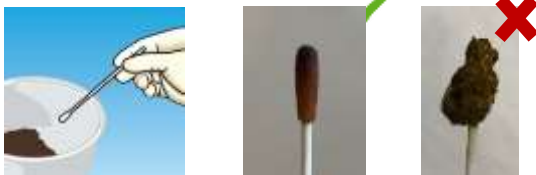
- 1 Urinate into the toilet if needed. Collect stool in a clean container or place plastic wrap over the toilet bowl and pass stool onto plastic wrap. Do not let urine, water or toilet paper touch the stool specimen.



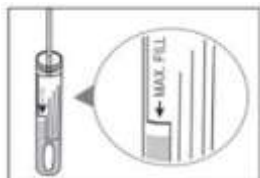
- 2 Peel the packaging open and remove the swab. Do not touch the swab tip.



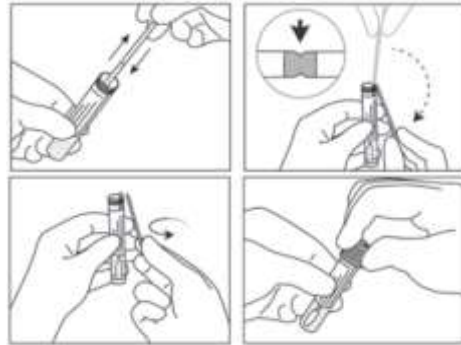
- 3 Collect a **small amount of stool** by inserting the tip of the swab into the stool specimen while rotating it. Bloody, slimy, or liquid portions of the stool should be selected.



- 4 Open the tube. **Do not pour out the liquid preservative.** Put the swab into the tube and check to make sure you have not exceeded the max fill line.

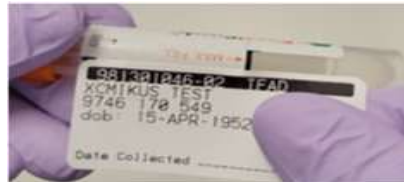


- 5 Press the tip of the swab against the side of the tube so the stool comes off and goes into the liquid. Break off the swab shaft at the marked breakpoint. **Tighten cap securely and shake to mix.**



- 6 If you have been given a pre-printed label, apply the label as shown below. Place the label in the same direction as the tube label and push the label down smoothly. Write the Date and Time of collection on the Date Collected line.

If you were not given a label, write your Name, Date of Birth or Health Card Number, and Date and Time of collection on the container.



Place the container into provided plastic bag and seal it. Wash hands with soap and water. Record the date and time of collection on the provided requisition.

- 7 Refrigerate specimen and return it to the lab on the same day of collection. If the specimen is collected overnight, return it to the lab as soon as possible in the morning. Delays may affect test results.

A lab assistant must check your paperwork and specimen before you leave the lab to ensure the specimen has been collected correctly and will not be rejected for testing.