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PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS: STOOL COLLECTION  
CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE

- If you have had barium, bismuth, anti-diarrheal medication or oily laxatives, wait until the stool is clear collect.
- Avoid antacids prior to collection.

Container: plastic specimen cup

Specimen Requirement: stool about the size of a walnut

Instructions:

1. Pass the stool into a clean, dry container. Do **NOT** let the stool touch water or urine.
2. Unscrew the cover of the sterile container.
3. Place sample into the container.
4. Replace and tighten the container cap.
5. Make sure the patient's name, date of birth, date and time of collection are on the label of the container.
6. **Refrigerate the sample immediately.**
7. Bring to the Laboratory at New London Hospital, within 24 hours of collection.

Samples not refrigerated as instructed above will not be accepted.