

LABORATORY SERVICES GUIDELINES FOR PINWORM COLLECTION

Because of the migratory habits of the female pinworm, specimens are best obtained between the hours of 9pm and 12 midnight, or immediately in the morning before washing or having a bowel movement.

NOTE: A STOOL SAMPLE IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN FOR PINWORM

ALL SPECIMEN CONTAINERS MUST BE LABELED WITH THE PATIENT'S FIRST & LAST NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, DATE AND TIME OF COLLECTION. *

A specimen for pinworm can be obtained by either of the following methods:

1. SWUBE COLLECTION KIT

(These kits are available at our outpatient collection sites or the Main Laboratory)

- a. Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the tube
- b. Separate the buttocks and press the tacky surface against several areas of the perianal region
- c. Replace the paddle in the tube for transport
- d. Specimen can be kept at room temperature until delivery

2. SCOTCH TAPE COLLECTION

Note: Only clear scotch tape should be used

- a. Separate the buttocks and press the sticky surface against several areas of the perianal region
- b. Place the tape in a clean container for transport
- c. Specimen can be kept at room temperature until delivery

Location phone numbers: Please call site for hours of operation

- Outpatient Center: 440-816-8808
- Strongsville Medical Center: 440-816-4976
- Brunswick Outpatient Center: 440-816-5561 or 330-558-0360

***ALL SPECIMENS REQUIRE REGISTRATION AT TIME OF DROP-OFF WITH INSURANCE CARD AND PHOTO ID**