

TEST	Stool Exam
SYNONYM/S	Fecalysis, Stool Analysis
LAB SECTION	Clinical Microscopy
AVAILABILITY	Daily (24 hours)
TURN AROUND TIME (TAT) (upon receipt of the laboratory)	STAT : within 2 hours Routine : within 4 hours
PATEINTS PREPARATION	None
SPECIMEN	Fresh diarrheal stool, especially with blood and mucus
VOLUME OF SPECIMEN	Thumb size (3-5 grams)
CONTAINER	Clear, clean, dry, wide mouth screw cap container
COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect fresh, diarrheal stool in a clean, dry bedpan or on a plastic, leak proof container 2. Those portions of stool containing blood and mucus are especially significant and should be transferred into the container 3. The patient should understand that the specimen should not be contaminated with urine and toilet water that may contain chemicals. 4. Label the specimen with patient's full name, date and time of collection.
SPECIMEN STABILITY	Specimen must arrive at the laboratory within 1 hour of collection
METHODOLOGY	Direct light microscopy