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SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

Pinworm Collection Kit

SPECIMEN STORAGE & TRANSPORT

Temperature: room temperature (15–25 °C / 59-77 °F) for the first 24 hours and refrigerated (2-8 °C / 35-46 °F) for up to 7 days.

Maximum Holding Time: 7 days

Exceptions: for any exceptions to collection, storage or transport conditions, please call lab first to discuss.

KIT STORAGE

Temperature: Room temperature (15 °C – 25 °C / 59 °F – 77 °F)

Expiration: N/A

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN TYPES

Pinworm Paddles: 4-6 BD BBL™ Collection and Transport Systems Falcon™ SWUBE™ Pinworm Paddle

TEST ORDER OPTIONS FOR THIS KIT

4005: Pinworm Detection

REJECTION CRITERIA

- Holding time greater than 7 days
- Specimen container not labeled



Pinworm Paddle

SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Specimens are best collected first thing in the morning before bathing and before a bowel movement. Collect one specimen each morning for 4 to 6 consecutive days.

1. Remove one specimen tube from the package.
2. Expose the anal area by gently separating the cheeks. **Do not insert the paddle into the rectum.**
3. Press the sticky side of the paddle against the skin on several areas around the anal opening.
4. Insert the paddle back into the tube and press firmly to close. **Label outside tube with patient name, date of birth, and collection date and time.**
5. Place the specimen tube inside the zippered portion of the biohazard specimen bag and seal tightly.
6. Collect 3 to 5 more specimens on consecutive mornings and place those inside the biohazard bag as well.
7. Fill out the requisition form(s) completely. Fold it in half once (no staples please) and place in the outer pocket of the biohazard specimen bag (not inside the zippered pouch with the specimen).
8. Transport to the laboratory within 7 days of collection.

References:

1. Leber, AL. 2016. *Clinical Microbiology Procedures Handbook*, 4th ed. ASM Press, Washington, DC.
2. Garcia, LS. 1993. *Diagnostic Medical Parasitology*, 2nd ed. ASM Press, Washington, DC.
3. BD BBL™ Collection and Transport Systems Falcon™ SWUBE™ Pinworm Paddle package insert.

