

How to prepare

- **The sample must be collected early in the morning before arising, bathing or using the toilet.**
Pinworm ova (eggs) are deposited on the skin near the anal opening during the night, or when the patient is at rest.

Risks or Cautions

- **DO NOT** wipe or wash the anal area before collecting the sample
- **DO NOT** insert the collection paddle into the rectum

Collecting the Sample

- Unscrew the container lid and remove the paddle from the container (paddle is attached to the white lid).



- Separate the buttocks and press the sticky surface of the paddle firmly against the anal area (includes skin around and across the anal opening).
- Return the paddle to the container and secure cap tightly



- Wash hands thoroughly after collecting the sample



Labelling the Sample

Label the collection container with:

- Laboratory or physician office issued patient label **or**
- Write patient **full first and last name, Provincial Health Care Number (PHN/ULI)**, or Government issued identification (Federal, Military, RCMP, Immigration), **date and time of collection**

Lab Requisition

- **Print** the date and time the sample was collected on your lab requisition
- **Fold** and place the requisition in the **outside** pocket of the plastic resealable bag
- Place sample container in the provided plastic resealable bag. **Do not** put the requisition in the bag with the collection container

Sample Delivery

- Take the sample to the laboratory as soon as possible
- If you cannot go to the laboratory immediately, keep the sample refrigerated until you take the sample to the lab

Samples not labelled as required or those that do not have a completed requisition will NOT be tested.

Questions? Contact the Laboratory Information Centre at 403-770-3600