









## STOOL COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Test	SQ Code	Container	Storage		Notes	Examples of Preferred Containers
			RT	Fridge		
Clostridium difficile	PCDF	Sterile Container	24 hrs	5 days	Not performed on formed stool	
Giardia Crypto	GICR	Pink Formalin Para-Pak Vial	7 days	7 days	Give patient both pink and green vials in case PARE requested. Specimen must be placed in formalin within 30 min	
Ova and Parasite	PARE	Green Ecofix Para-Pak Vial	7 days	7 days	Give patient both green and pink vials in case GICR is warranted. Patient must meet testing criteria. Specimen must be placed in Ecofix within 30 min	
H. pylori	HPSA	Sterile Container	X	72 hrs	—	
Occult Blood	OCBD OBSG	Hemosure collection device	6 days	30 days	Specimen must be received in collection device	
Lactoferrin	LAFN	Sterile Container	14 days	14 days	Not performed on breast fed infants	

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			RT	Fridge		
Norovirus	NORO	Sterile Container	X	48 hrs	Not performed on formed stool	
Rotavirus	ROVS	Sterile Container	X	72 hrs	Usually only performed on infants/children	
Stool Culture	STLC	Sterile Container	2 hrs	X	Contact provider if unpreserved specimen received and >2hrs and <24 hrs. Micro to add disclaimer (“DE”) if patient is unable to recollect.	
		Orange Para-Pak C&S	72 hrs	X		