



Stool Sample Collection for Microbiology and Other Tests

Following the move to the automated microbiology processing system (Kiestra) on 25th January we would like to re-emphasize the importance of correct sample collection of stool specimens to facilitate optimal processing of patient samples.

Stool Samples for Microbiology and other departments.

Stool samples, which require testing for Microbiology as well as tests offered by other services (list given below), are often processed by two different departments or laboratories.

To enable efficient and timely processing of these specimens please ensure requests for microbiology tests in conjunction with these tests are collected in **2 separate containers for send-away to the different laboratories, along with 2 copies of the request forms.**

- *Clostridium difficile*
- Calprotectin
- Chymotrypsin
- Steatocrit
- Elastase
- Trypsin
- Alpha-1-antitrypsin

Please note incorrect collection of stool samples may result in unnecessary delays or issues with processing.

If there are any queries with regards to the above, please contact the Microbiology department at Pathlab.

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