

SCHISTOSOMIASIS / BILHARZIA

FAECES SPECIMEN

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided as general guidance only. Any questions should be directed to your healthcare provider.

The collection site provides the kit only; collection facilities are not available.

Preparation:

The specimen may be examined for eggs of *Schistosoma* (the parasite that causes bilharzia).

Follow any additional instructions given by your healthcare provider.

3 x Specimen containers will be supplied by the laboratory.

Collection Procedure:

- 1) Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- 2) Collect a fresh stool sample in a clean, dry container
- 3) Avoid contaminating the sample with urine or water.
- 4) Close the container securely.
- 5) Label the container with your name, date of birth, and date of collection.
- 6) Deliver the specimen to the laboratory as soon as possible, preferably the same day.
- 7) **Collect a total of 3 samples on 3 separate days**, delivering each sample to the laboratory on the **same day it is collected**.

Your results can only be obtained from the requesting doctor

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