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Culture

You will be given 1 sterile pot with a scoop inside. (see How to Collect below.)

Parasites (OCP) with or without culture

You will be given 3 sterile pots, each with a scoop.

Collect 3 separate samples over a period of up to 10 days. (see How to Collect below.)

How to Collect

1. Using a clean container (e.g. ice cream container), pass sample and take a good scoop of faeces into the sterile pot so that the pot is 1/3 to 1/2 full. Do not mix urine with the faeces.
2. Screw the lid of the specimen pot down firmly.
3. Label each container with your full name, date/time of collection and your doctor's name.
4. Return each sample to the laboratory on the same day that you collect it, as soon as possible. If unable to take them to a laboratory, please refrigerate.

NOTE: Clinical information should include any recent history of overseas travel, otherwise testing for parasites will only include giardia and cryptosporidium.

Location of Hard Copies:

1. Waikato Hospital Phlebotomy Manual.
2. Tokoroa Laboratory & Phlebotomy Manuals.
3. Thames Laboratory & Phlebotomy Manuals.
4. Te Kuiti Phlebotomy Manual.
5. Taumarunui Phlebotomy Manual.

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