

#### **PURPOSE**

Detect the presence of intestinal parasites causing digestive pathology and diarrhoea.

#### **PREPARATION OF THE PATIENT**

In general, no preparation is required, unless otherwise instructed by the prescribing physician.

Collection of three stool samples from three different days is usually recommended to increase the likelihood of visualising parasites.

#### **COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

You will need three sealable faeces collection bottles, available from pharmacies.

The stool should be placed in a wide-mouthed container such as a bedpan. It does not need to be sterile, only clean and well rinsed (free of soap, detergents and disinfectants).

Carefully transfer a quantity of faeces equivalent to the size of 2 walnuts if the stool is solid, stool is liquid do not fill more than half of the collection container.

Avoid contamination with urine, toilet paper, water, etc.

Bring the sample to the laboratory within 2 hours, in the meantime, the sample should be kept refrigerated, please **do not freeze**.

#### **RESPONSE TIME OR RESULT**

7 days

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