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- 1. Write the date of your stool sample collection onto the collection tube.
- 2. Adhere the paper feces catcher onto the back of the toilet seat (see diagram on paper for further instructions). We have provided you with 2 paper feces catchers in case one rips.
 - a. Do not urinate onto the Feces Catcher. If possible, urinate before you adhere the paper catcher.
- 3. Have your bowel movement onto the paper catcher.
 - a. Note: to avoid contamination, do not collect any stool that has fallen into the toilet water.
- Put on the nitrile gloves included with your kit.
- 5. Unscrew the collection tube cap & use the spoon to scoop 1 spoonful of feces from your sample.
- 6. Place the sample in the collection tube. Do not touch the scoop or sample that goes into the collection tube.
- 7. Tighten the cap & shake to mix the contents thoroughly (invert 10 times) to create a suspension.
 - a. Note: some fecal material may be difficult to re-suspend. As long as the material is suspended, the sample is stabilized.
 - b. Foaming/frothing during shaking is normal.
- 8. Place sealed collection tube into orange specimen bag. Do not remove the pink absorption pad. Seal the bag.
- Loosen the paper feces catcher on both ends & squeeze the ends together.
- 10. Drop the feces catcher in the toilet bowl & wait a moment until the paper is soft & can easily be flushed down the toilet.
- 11. Dispose of gloves and thoroughly wash your hands.
- 12. Place sealed orange specimen bag into the prepaid return envelope and place the envelope in a mail box.
- 13. You will receive your gift card within 4 weeks from submitting the specimen.
- 14. Please visit this website if you would like to watch an instructional video: https://goo.gl/THfEsS





