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**PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

**STOOL COLLECTION PROCEDURE FOR  
CULTURE & SENSITIVITY  
OVA AND PARASITES  
CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE (CD) TOXIN**

Container: 100 ml sterile, plastic, labeled container (patient name, date, type of specimen)

Minimum requirement for processing stool sample:

- The specimen must be at least the size of a walnut (if solid) or 25 ml or approximately 2 tbsp. (if liquid). The container should not be more than half-full. Stool specimens may create pressure in containers which may open spontaneously if not properly closed. If you have any questions, please contact Suzette, the Medical Assistant, at 212-688-7100 (prompt #6).
- The specimen must be brought to the office within two hours from the time it was expelled.
- The sample may be brought into the office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You must call, Suzette, the Medical Assistant, at 212-688-7100 to let her know when you will bring in the specimen.
- If a purged sample is requested, you must come to our office before 12:00 noon and will be given 10 oz of magnesium citrate to induce defecation.