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## COPROCULTURE

### STOOL COLLECTION METHOD

#### Required materials:

Container with an airtight cap and a collecting scoop, available free of charge at the chosen collection point or purchasable at a pharmacy.

#### SAMPLE collection:

Collect stool on a dry surface such as:

- a bedpan or
- a plastic bag or a sheet of paper placed in the bidet or
- a clean container



#### N.B.:

Do **NOT** pass stool directly into the toilet.

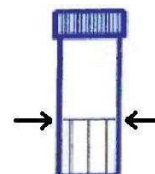
Do **NOT** contaminate stool with urine during collection.

Do **NOT** collect stool directly in the container.



#### Placing stool in the container:

- Formed stool: With the teaspoon inserted into the lid, collect approximately 5-10 grams of stool (a portion the size of a walnut) and place it in the container.
- Liquid stool: Pour approximately 5-10 ml of stool into the container (about a quarter of the container's volume).  
Do NOT fill the container completely. Containers filled to the brim will be turned down.
- Close the container.



#### Storage:

Deliver the stool sample to your chosen collection point during opening hours.

The stool can be from the same morning or, if need be, the sample can be stored at 4°C (in the refrigerator) for up to 12 hours.