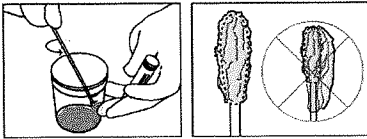


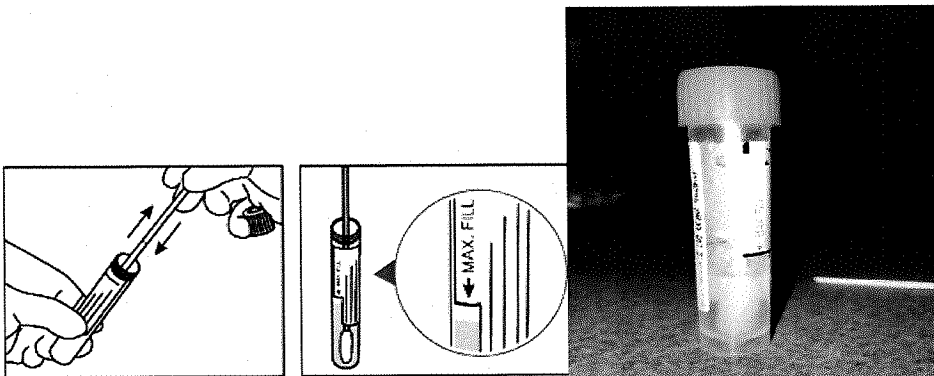
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### STOOL FOR CULTURE/ GI PANEL BY PCR

1. Collect stool specimen in a clean plastic container. Do not let the stool specimen go into the water. A large plastic bag or piece of Saran Wrap may be placed over the toilet opening and the specimen passed onto the plastic. Alternately a special container mounted on the toilet referred to as a "hat" may be used. **Note:** Toilet paper is not suitable to collect stool.
2. Peel open the kit package and remove the orange capped tube and the swab.
3. Do not touch the tip of the swab. Only touch the plastic shaft above the marked breakpoint line. The breakpoint line is marked with red.
4. Collect a small amount of stool by inserting all the tip of the swab into stool sample and rotate it taking care all the area of the swab tip is in contact with the sample. The swab only needs a coating of sample. Slimy or watery area of stools should be selected and sampled. **Note:** Do NOT use the swab as a paddle or spoon.



5. After collection, transfer the swab into the orange tube with the liquid preservative and visually check that the maximum filling line ("MAX. FILL") indicated on the label is not exceeded. **NOTE:** If sample collected exceeds maximum fill line the sample cannot be used. A new kit will need to be used.



6. Hold the tube away from your face. Holding the swab shaft close to the rim of the tube, bend it at a 180 degrees angle to break it off at the red marked breakpoint. If needed, gently rotate the shaft to completely remove it. Discard the broken upper part of the swab shaft and tighten the cap.
7. Shake the vial until the sample appears well mixed.
8. Make sure patient's name, date of birth, date and time of collection are on the tube label and deliver the tube to the laboratory as soon as possible. The tube should be left at room temperature after the specimen is in it.
9. Please return in the biobag provided.

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