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STOOL CULTURE for Salmonella / Shigella, Campylobacter and Yersinia

The exam is performed on a STOOL sample

- Obtain a sterile stool container with a screw cap and a spatula
- Do not use laxatives, purgatives or suppositories to evacuate
- Evacuate in a clean container
- Open the container and use the spatula to collect the stools
- Enter in the container a quantity of stool corresponding to approximately three palettes
- Do not fill the container with stool
- Close the container by screwing the cap firmly
- Deliver the sample within two hours of collection to Laboratory from 8am to 10.30am

STOOL CULTURE FOR MYCOBACTERIUM / KOCH'S BACILLUS

- Obtain a sterile stool container with a screw cap and a spatula
- Do not use laxatives, purgatives or suppositories to evacuate
- Evacuate in a clean container
- Take a small amount of stools with the appropriate pallet in the container. Do not fill the container
- Close the container well
- Collect, as previously described, 3 stool samples on different days.

To execute correctly the test, it is preferable to deliver each sample to Laboratory on the same day of collection (within 2 hours of collection).

If is not possible to deliver the sample the same day, keep it refrigerated for up to 72 hours.