

Stool Sample Collection using the FecalSwab

- **CAUTION:** This swab is to be used with stool specimens only. It is NOT to be inserted rectally. Rectal insertion can cause the swab to break internally.
- **Stool must be placed in transport media within two (2) hours of collection.**
- **Collect specimens Sunday through Wednesday, for shipment Monday through Thursday.** Specimens collected Thursday, Friday or Saturday will most likely exceed the time limitations for testing.
- Stool specimen should not contain urine or water.
- Do not try to collect and transfer an excessive amount of fecal sample into the transport medium tube.
- The swab tip only needs to be coated with sample material (see below). Dip the swab into the stool specimen to coat the swab with stool. There is no need to scoop large amounts of stool into the media.
- Place the swab into the media.
- Ensure that specimen does not go over the Max Fill line. If sample collected exceeds maximum fill line, discard the swab and the tube and collect a new specimen using a different FecalSwab.
- Mash and mix stool specimen against the side of the tube to disperse.
- Holding tube away from face, grasp the end of the swab shaft and bend at a 180-degree angle to break at the pink breakpoint. If needed, gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage.
- Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage.
- Label tube with patient name, date of birth, date and time of collection.
- Return specimen to laboratory.

