

PINWORM TEST

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Required Specimen Type	Rectal sampling
Medical Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A frosted end glass slide for each sample collection; • Transparent adhesive tape for each sample collection (not wider than the slide); • A slide container for each slide; • Gloves; • Other sample collection kits may be used (please check with the laboratory); • Biohazard bag.
General Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All specimens must include a double identification (first and last name of the patient and date of birth or Medicare number). 2. The use of gloves is required when handling all biological specimens. 3. A valid requisition must include the following information : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and last name of the patient, date of birth or Medicare number and gender. • Date and time of specimen collection and signature of collector. • Physician's full name, signature and license number (or other qualified prescriber). • Any relevant clinical information. • Requested tests.
Patient Preparation	The sample should be taken first thing in the morning, before bathing and before any bowel movement.
Specimen Collection Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before beginning the procedure, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly and protective gloves must be worn during collection. 2. Separate buttocks and press the tacky surface of the tape against several areas of the anal region; 3. Once the specimen is collected, apply the tacky surface of the tape on the slide; 4. Using a lead pencil, identify on the frosted end of the slide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and last name; • Date of birth and/or Medicare number; • Collection date and time. 5. Place slide into a slide container and place in a biohazard bag, with the requisition in the side pocket of the bag. 6. Remove gloves and wash hands; 7. Return sample to the laboratory or physician's office as soon as possible.
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of 3 consecutive specimens is recommended; • For symptomatic cases, 1 specimen may be sufficient
Specimen Conservation and Stability	24 hours at room temperature