



## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR STOOL COLLECTION

O&P (parasites) – orange vial, C&S (bacteria) – yellow vial, *C. difficile* and leukocytes- sterile container

### 1. Collect Specimen In a Clean Dry Container.

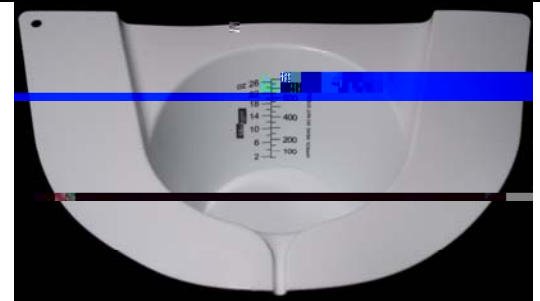
- Use an insert (toilet hat) for toilet **OR**
- Clean dry wide mouth container
  - Ø Bed pan
  - Ø Wastebasket lined with plastic bag

DO NOT collect from toilet

DO NOT urinate on specimen

DO NOT collect directly in vial

Specimen **must** be soft or liquid for *C. difficile*



Toilet Hat

### 2. Transfer Specimen Into Vial(s) and/or Sterile Container

- Using plastic spoon or wooden stick for each vial or container transfer specimen
- Fill to red line for Parasite and Bacterial exams
- Mix vial with spoon or stick
- Recap vial making sure cap is on tightly
- Shake the vial until contents are well mixed

### 3. Fill Out Information on Collection Vial-REQUIRED

- Full name (first and last)
- Date of birth
- Date and time specimen was collected
- Collect no more than one sample per day for each test
- Samples lacking complete labeling will not be tested