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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SWAB CULTURE TEST

Please read instructions completely before you begin.

1. Remove test tube from the wrapper carefully. Do not touch the cotton swab.
- 2 a. For **stool** culture, dip and swirl the cotton swab in the stool holding the long rod from the opposite end only (the stopper). **DO NOT INSERT INTO ANAL OPENING.**
- 2 b. For **urine** collection the specimen should be a clean catch “mid-stream” sample.
- 2 c. If culturing other areas of the body, swab those areas directly.
3. Remove the lid of the test tube and replace with the cotton swab end first till it penetrates the culture medium at the bottom of the test tube.
4. Close the lid tightly.
5. Write clearly your name, site or source of sample, and date of collection. Do not sample from different sites. Please use a different swab for each additional site.
6. **Specimen should arrive to PCI within 2-3 days. If there is any lag time from collection of specimen to transport it should be kept refrigerated.**

If you have any questions please use the “contact us” link on our website www.parasitetesting.com

ONLY YOUR PHYSICIAN OR CLINIC IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS YOUR RESULTS WITH YOU.
Results will be ready within 2-3 weeks of receipt of sample, not including weekends or holidays
