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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 swabbing other areas (Saliva, mucus, nasal, skin) any fluid except blood, swab those area directly.
3. Remove the lid of the test tube and replace with the cotton swab end first till it touches the culture medium at the bottom of the test tube. For a video on how to collect visit <https://www.parasitetesting.com/Swab> and scroll down to collection instructions.
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. Only one single source to be sampled in one test tube.
6. **Specimen should be shipped back to PCI within 2-3 days from collection. If specimen is not shipped immediately after collection it should be kept refrigerated until shipped.**

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

You can receive your results directly from your patient profile, completion of swab test takes 2-3 weeks; if you didn't register as a patient and only signed out as a guest, go to forget password, and then sign in, you will see your test under the tab reports.
