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PATIENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

STOOL COLLECTION EXAMINATION

FOR PARASITIC INFECTIONS

By examining the stool we can detect most parasitic infections. Such infections may cause no symptoms, mild problems such as stomach ache or diarrhea, or may cause very serious illnesses.

The Parasitology Laboratory needs to examine three different stool samples, preferably on three consecutive days. That is, you will have to bring a sample of stool to the laboratory **EACH** day for three days in a row.

HOW TO DO THE COLLECTION:

The office will give you three special containers with tight screw tops. Each day put some of your child's stool into the container. **Please keep all containers out of the reach of children.**

AVOID CONTAMINATION:

There should be nothing in the container except your child's stool. These tests should not be done while taking antibiotics.

If you have any questions, please call.