

## **Patient Instructions Stool Collection Using Commercially Prepared Transport Media – Stool Culture**

### **Stool Culture:**

- A commercially prepared transport media is available for routine stool culture collection and transport.
- This may not be used for the C. Diff collection.
- Check the expiration date that is located on the side of the vial. Discard if expired.
- The plastic vial is shaped like a cylinder with an orange screw cap. This vial contains a red transport media. Caution the patient that the solution IS POISONOUS..... DO NOT DRINK IT. KEEP IT OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.
- Collect the stool specimen in a clean margarine container or bedpan. Avoid contaminating the specimen with urine. Do not scoop the stool from the toilet
- Remove the screw cap and transfer a walnut size sample of stool into the vial.
- If the stool is in liquid form pour stool into the container until it reaches the line on the side of the transport vial.
- Replace the cap and mix vigorously.
- All specimen vials must be labeled with the patient's name, DOB, Date and Time of collection.
- Keep the specimen at room temperature and bring it to the lab as soon as possible. (Stable for 48 hours). This must be accompanied by an order.
- This may be an electronic or paper order

**Specimens will be rejected if not labeled.**