

SOP: Fecal Swab; Version 2016_02_29

REAGENTS:

FecalSwab Screw Cap Tube 12 x 80 mm with 2 ml Modified Cary-Blair Medium, Fa. Copan

Sample collection

1. Open the peel pouch.
2. Remove the flocked swab.
3. Collect sample by insertion into the rectum (not perianal!) or dip the flocked swab into the fecal sample until the swab is completely covered with sample. (Use the flocked swab similarly for sample collection from feces).
4. Remove the screw cap from the tube.
5. Insert the flocked swab all the way to the bottom of the tube.
6. Break the swab at the molded breakpoint.
7. Screw the cap tightly to prevent leakage, shake the tube carefully so that the sample elutes into the liquid medium.
8. Label the sample with patient's information, store at RT or at 4°C and transport to the lab within 6-10 hours.

Sample preparation and storage

9. Vortex sample.
10. Split sample into 2 aliquots (cryotubes) and store at -80°C.