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COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN FOR DETECTION OF PINWORM

Materials supplied:

Sterile container with sticky paddle attached
Pinworm specimen collection kit
Biohazard transport bag
Requisition completed by physician or clinic

Collection guidelines:

****Collect 1 specimen/day for 3 consecutive days****

****Pinworm eggs are deposited on the skin, about the anal opening. Specimen must be collected in the morning before bathing or using the toilet. The anal area should not be wiped or washed before specimen is taken****

Collection Procedure:

1. Remove cap in which is inserted a paddle with one side coated with a non-toxic mildly adhesive material. **This side is marked "STICKY SIDE". Do not touch this surface with the fingers.**
2. Spread buttock of patient apart. Using moderate pressure press the sticky side of the paddle against the skin around the anal opening of the patient.
3. Replace paddle into container without touching the container.
4. Wash your hands carefully as the eggs are easily transmitted.
5. Screw cap on tightly.
6. Write the patient's full name and date of collection on specimen container.
7. Place collected specimen inside the biohazard transport bag.
8. Place the completed requisition into side pouch of biohazard transport bag.
9. Specimen may be left at room temperature after collection.

Deliver specimen to the Microbiology laboratory.

The microbiology laboratory will receive specimens 24 hours/7 days a week.

Microbiology Laboratory:	St. Michael's Hospital, Cardinal Carter wing, 2nd floor – Room 2044
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