

How To Use FecalSwab™ For Stool Sample Collection

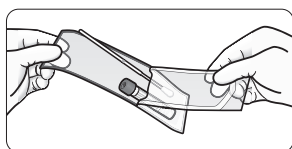


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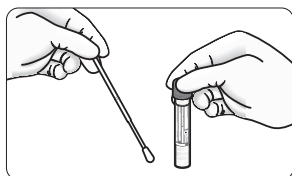
Patient Information

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Video instructions are available here: <http://www.copanusa.com/education/videos/how-tos-and-training/copan-fecalswab-how-use-training-video/>



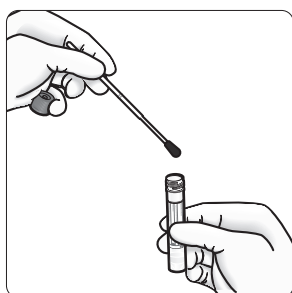
1. Wash hands before and after collection. Collect a small amount of stool directly into a clean disposable container. Do not contaminate sample with urine or toilet water.



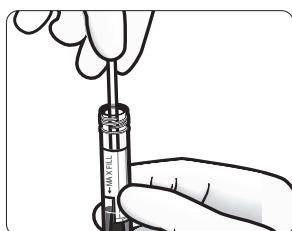
2. Open the peel pouch. Remove the swab. Do not touch the swab tip. Always hold the shaft applicator above the marked breakpoint. Do not discard the fluid in the swab container.



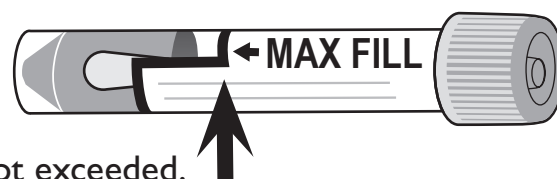
3. Note the maximum fill line on the label. Collect a small amount of stool to avoid exceeding the fill line. Insert the tip of the swab into the stool sample and rotate it. NOTE: Bloody, slimy or watery area of stool should be swabbed.



4. Remove and examine to make sure there is fecal material visible on the tip of the swab. If needed, insert again the flocked swab into stool sample and rotate making sure all the area of the swab tip is in contact with the sample. **Note: Do not overload the swab or scoop larger pieces of stool. This will overfill the container and result in the sample having to be recollected.**



5. Transfer the swab into the FecalSwab™ tube and check that the maximum filling line ("MAX. FILL") on the label is not exceeded.

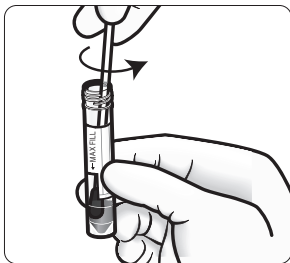


NOTE: If sample collected exceeds maximum fill line discard the swab and the tube and collect a new specimen using a different FecalSwab™.

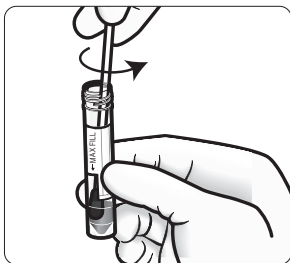
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Healthlink BC Call 8-1-1 www.healthlinkbc.ca	Nurse	24 hours a day	Daily	Call 8-1-1 to speak with a nurse, ask a dietitian about nutrition, or a pharmacist about your medication.
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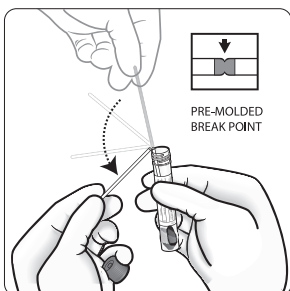
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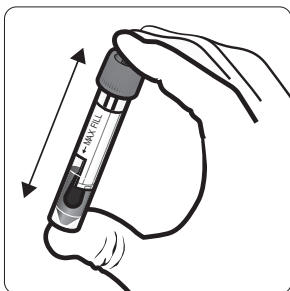
6. Holding the swab shaft between thumb and finger, mash and mix gently against the side of the tube to evenly disperse and suspend the specimen in the medium.



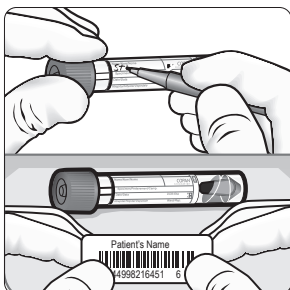
7. Hold the tube away from your face. Holding the end of the swab shaft, bend it at a 180 degrees angle to break at the marked breakpoint. If needed, gently twist the shaft between thumb and forefinger to completely remove it. Discard the broken upper part of the swab shaft and tighten the cap.



8. Shake the vial gently until the sample appears well mixed.



9. Label the container with your full legal name (first and last), date of birth, and CareCard number. Write the date and time of collection on the sample.



10. For sanitary reasons, the container must be enclosed in a plastic bag.

If you have any questions regarding your sample collection please contact your local laboratory.

Keep sample refrigerated after collection. Deliver to the lab within 24 hours of collection (during normal hours of operation) or as soon as possible. Testing is valid for a limited time only.

You must present your current health insurance (CareCard) and requisition to the laboratory.