### Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

**Cryptosporidium/Giardia Confirmation (Version 1)**

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| Stool         | NA              | Up to 3 specimens over a 10 day period (Maximum 1 per day) | • Avoid use of antacids, antidiarrheals, barium, bismuth, and laxatives prior to collection.  
• Collect stool in a clean container; Avoid contact with urine or water.  
• Add stool to the collection vial until the fluid is at the red "Fill to Here" line. | Para-Pak® Ultra Ecofix | • Transport device: Collection vial.  
• Rejection Criteria:  
  o Collection vial not filled to the red line.  
  o Leaking specimen.  
  o Two specimens collected on the same date  
• Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B.  
• Storage: Store at ambient temperature. |

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  
**All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  
NA: Not Applicable  
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**General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)**

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

**NOTE:**
Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

**Collection kit availability**

Available.

**Comments**