

### Optimal Specimens For Stool Testing

To attain optimal recovery of pathogenic organisms from stool specimens, the following transport media should be used	
Test Requested	Transport Media
Stool Bacterial Culture	Cary-Blair transport media (includes Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, Yersinia, E. Coli 0157:H7 and Staph aureus)
Viral Culture	Viral transport media
Rotavirus EIA testing	Raw stool (no preservative)
Clostridium difficile toxin testing	
Occult blood testing	
Direct Electron Microscopy	
Stool for WBC's	Raw stool (no preservative), do not store overnight
Giardia/Cryptosporidium EIA testing	10% formalin fixed specimen
Ova and Parasite Exams	
All other stool testing or unusual potential pathogens	Contact AMRL client services