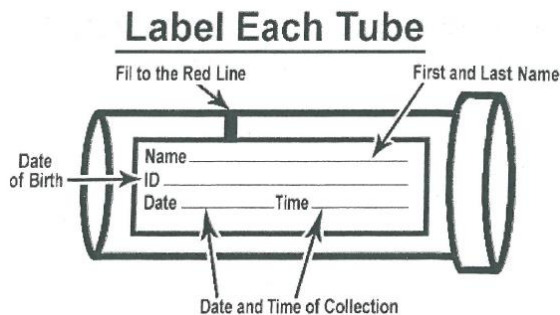




# STOOL SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The stool should be passed into a clean, dry container. Use the white toilet “hat” that was provided by the laboratory (UA HAT).
  - PLEASE DO NOT urinate in the specimen collection container.
  - PLEASE DO NOT pass the specimen into a toilet.
2. Open the tube containing the liquid. Using the collection spoon built into the lid of the tube, place small scoopfuls of stool from areas which appear bloody, slimy, or watery into the tube until the contents rise to the red “fill line”. PLEASE DO NOT over fill the tube. If the stool sample is hard-formed, please try to sample small amounts from each end and the middle.
3. Mix the contents of the tube with the spoon, then replace the cap and make sure that it is tightly closed. Shake the tube vigorously until the contents are well mixed.
4. Label each tube with name, date of birth, date and time collected.



5. Repeat steps #2, #3 and #4 for each tube of liquid. All tubes provided by the laboratory must be filled in order to perform all of the tests ordered by your doctor.
6. Wash your hands thoroughly. If any liquid from the tubes gets on your skin or in your eyes, flush with plenty of water.
7. Deliver the specimen to outpatient services promptly after the collection is complete. If there will be a delay of more than 2 hours in bringing your specimens to the laboratory, store them in a refrigerator:

**Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm:** Please deliver your specimens to the Bozeman Health First Floor Lab and X-ray at Highland Park 5, 1st floor, suite 5130.

**After hours/Weekends:** Please go to the front registration desk at the Emergency Department. Please allow adequate time for staff to confirm your lab orders and accept your specimen.