

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PINWORM COLLECTION

1. The specimen must be collected either 2 hours after the patient goes to sleep or 1 hour before awakening as pinworms tend to retreat into the anal cavity of an active person. Also, itching causes children, if awake, to scratch off the eggs.
2. While the patient is asleep, spread the cheeks of the buttocks and press the sticky side of the paddle on and around the anal opening. If any small thread-like worms are seen press these onto the paddle also. Please use only the paddles provided. Scotch tape preps will not be accepted.
3. Place the paddle back into the tube holder. Eggs and adult worms captured on the paddle will be suitable for analysis for several days if kept at room temperature.
4. Specimens may be dropped off Monday through Friday 0730 – 1630.
5. If you have any questions, please contact the laboratory at 630-4408.