



## Faeces collection for Micro and Culture – infants

Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your infant's test results are accurate and reliable.

**Obtain a faeces collection jar from your nearest Melbourne Pathology collection centre or your doctor.**

1. Label the jar provided with the *baby's* full name, date of birth and date and time of collection.
2. Place a fresh nappy liner in your baby's nappy.
3. As soon as your baby has produced a sample, use the scoop inside the lid of the jar, or a clean spatula and collect a small sample (about walnut size, if possible) from the infant's nappy and place in the jar.
4. Keep the jar at room temperature.

5. Deliver to your nearest Melbourne Pathology collection centre on the day of collection.

### **Faeces for Reducing Substances (if requested by your doctor)**

If your doctor has requested Faeces for Reducing Substances, the jar containing the sealed sample must be frozen immediately after collection.

This test is only performed on liquid or unformed specimens.

The frozen specimen should be transported on ice and delivered to your nearest Melbourne Pathology collection centre.

If the request is also for micro and culture, a fresh sample – NOT frozen – is also to be submitted.