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## FECAL OCCULT BLOOD TEST (CONTAINER WITH SODIUM AZIDE)

**Use the container provided by the lab. Before the collection keep the container at room temperature.**

- 1 Collect specimen in a commode pan or in plastic wrapped between the toilet seat and the bowl. **DO NOT** submit feces contaminated with urine or toilet water.
- 2 Usually the samples are a bit of stool collected on the end of an applicator.
3. Seal well.
- 4 Label and transport to the laboratory within 24 hours from the collection. **After collection, keep the sample in the refrigerator.**

Usually the test requires the collection of 3 small stool samples. The stool samples should be taken one day apart, because colon cancers may bleed from time to time, rather than consistently. Separate stool samples are collected from different bowel movements, usually on three consecutive days.

You can drop all the three samples at the third day. **Keep the samples in the refrigerator (for maximum 7 days).**

### **SODIUM AZIDE RECOMMENDATION - Accidental Exposure**

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and rinse off affected skin immediately with soap and copious amounts of water for at least 15 min.

**Eye Contact:** Use the eye wash to rinse the eye thoroughly for at least 15 min, occasionally lifting upper and lower eyelids and rolling the eyeballs around.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth with water. Seek medical attention immediately.

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