

Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas

Department of Pathology & Area Laboratory Services



Care - Quality – Readiness

INSTRUCTIONS OVA & PARASITE (O&P) COLLECTION

1. Collect stool in **gray container**.
2. **Gray Top O&P Vial:** Using the tongue depressor, take a small amount of stool out of the gray container and fill the gray top O&P vial to the red line located on the side of the vial. Slightly shake vial once specimen has been added.
3. **Pink Top O&P Vial:** Repeat step 2 to place stool specimen into the pink top O&P vial.
4. Labeling specimens: Last name, First name, FMP# /Sponsor's complete SSN

Attention: If a stool culture is requested (gray container) the stool specimens need to be returned to the laboratory within 1 hour of collection.