Submission Requirements
1. The kit provided by SHL contains one specimen bag, an absorbent sheet and one Total-Fix vial.
2. Label vial with patient's name or unique identifier and the date of collection. UNLABELED SPECIMENS WILL NOT BE TESTED.
3. A completed Bacteriology Test Request Form must accompany the specimen.

WARNING! DO NOT DRINK. TOTAL-FIX SOLUTION IS POISONOUS.
If ingestion occurs, drink milk or water. Call the local Poison Control Center or your physician immediately. Call the Iowa Poison Control Center day or night at: (800) 222-1222.

Specimen Collection and Handling
1. This specimen type is also suitable for the Modified Acid Fast Stain (Cryptosporidium, Cyclospora, and Cystoisospora) and Trichrome Stain.
2. The patient should be instructed not to take any antacids, oily laxatives, or anti-diarrheal medications, unless prescribed by the physician.
3. Pass the stool into a clean, dry, plastic disposable container (e.g., margarine, cottage cheese, etc.), or place a large plastic bag or kitchen wrap over the toilet seat to catch the specimen.
4. DO NOT MIX URINE OR WATER WITH THE STOOL SPECIMEN.
5. Formed or semi-formed stool: Use the spork built into the lid of the vial to fill vial to the red "fill line". Any blood or mucous should be included.
6. Liquid stool: Pour the stool into the vial up to the red "fill line".
7. Tighten the cap completely. A leaking specimen may be unsuitable for testing.
8. Clean the outside of the vial with rubbing alcohol or soap and water if they are soiled. Check to make sure the patient name and date of collection are still readable.
9. Insert vial into the biohazard bag.
10. Eliminate all the air in the bag by rolling the bag from the bottom to the zip lock seal.
11. Seal the bag and place into the mailer along with the completed Test Request Form.
12. Wash hands thoroughly. Avoid contact of Total-Fix solution with skin or eyes. If contact occurs, flush the affected area with water. Contact a physician immediately if irritation develops.

Test Request Form
1. Complete Bacteriology Test Request Form, including all patient identifiers, by going online to: http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/testmenu/formgenerator.xml.
2. Testing is dependent upon complete and accurate information; therefore, results may be delayed if information is not provided.
Shipping Instructions

1. Include completed Bacteriology Test Request Form in the side pocket of the biohazard bag.
2. Place all materials in Styrofoam container and place a mailer.
3. Ship at room temperature as soon as possible via first class mail. DO NOT USE WET ICE.
4. Send to State Hygienic Laboratory on UI Research Park Campus in Iowa City/Coralville. (See address below.)
5. Ship multiple specimens in packaging compliant with USPS or IATA regulations

Contact Information

1. For test collection kits, go online to http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/kitsquotesforms, or call (319) 335-4466
2. For Ova and Parasite testing questions: (319) 335-4336