

Collecting a Faeces Specimen

- Infection control procedures apply
- Wear suitable protective equipment, especially gloves
- Ensure the person's privacy and dignity

- Encourage and/or help the person evacuate using a bedpan or commode
- Clean the person appropriately
- Make sure they are comfortable before leaving them
- Cover the receptacle and take it to an appropriate area - sluice
- Remove the lid of the correct specimen container
- Using the spatula built into the underneath of the container lid, remove a specimen of faeces from the receptacle onto the spatula
- Without touching the sides of the specimen container, return the lid to the container so the spatula and specimen are inside the container
- Secure the lid properly
- Immediately, label the container properly
- Place the container in an appropriate specimen bag and seal it
- Store the bag in the correct place
- If it is to be refrigerated, only use a refrigerator dedicated for the storage of specimens
- Make sure bedpan, commode etc. is properly cleaned

