

HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF SOUTHWEST FINLAND

CULTURE OF SALMONELLA BACTERIA (F-SalmVi, 2608)

This examination is done to identify *Salmonella* bacteria in the feces. It is performed when Salmonella infection is expressly suspected, or when there is a need to check if a person is a carrier of the Salmonella bacterium, e.g., if the person is working in the food industry. No other diarrhea-causing bacteria are sought.

Materials

1. Plastic or cardboard container
2. Tube for fecal sample (Fig. 1), which you will get from the lab.
3. Plastic bag and sticker for name



Fig. 1

Procedure

1. Defecate into the container or on toilet paper.
2. Open the container for the fecal sample. Using the spatula attached to the top, take about one spoonful of feces into the container (don't fill the container).
3. If the feces is liquid (diarrhea), take one spoonful and put it in the container.
4. Close the container tightly.
5. Please be careful so that the outside of the container doesn't get sample on it.
6. **Write your name, social security number, sampling date and sampling time on the sticker that came with the materials from the lab.**
7. **Affix the sticker to the sample container.**
8. Put the sample container into the plastic bag.
9. Keep the sample container cool, preferably at refrigerator temperature.

Take the sample container to the laboratory no later than 24 hours after you have taken the sample.

Please contact the department or outpatient clinic if you have questions regarding the sampling procedure for this examination.

You may ask for the result of this examination at the hospital unit where you are being treated.

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This instruction is intended for patients who are being treated at the Hospital District.