

## Collecting a stool sample, Salmonella (F-SalmVi 2608)

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### Purpose of the test

The test is done to look for bacteria that cause diarrhoea.

### Preparing for the test

You can collect the sample five days after treatment with antibiotics.

### Sampling kits

Sampling kits are available from the laboratories of SataDiag or from your local health centre.

### Equipment needed for collecting the sample:

- sample container
- resealable plastic bag
- name sticker.

### Collection

1. Collect some stool into a clean disposable dish.
2. Open the sample container. Transfer stool into the container with the spoon attached to the cap. If there is blood or mucus in the stool, include them in the sample. Filling the container half full is sufficient.
3. Close the container carefully, making sure there is no stool on the outside of the container.

4. Make sure that the container has your:

- name
- personal identity number
- date of collection and
- time of collection.

5. Place the container in the plastic bag. Close the bag tightly.

### Storing and returning the sample

Take the sample to the laboratory.

The sample will keep for 24 hours in the refrigerator.



The sample container.

### Contact information

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weekdays 10 am – 3 pm. Please note that test results are not given over the telephone.

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