



## Faeces Sample Collection for **INTESTINAL PARASITES**

### ABOUT YOUR TEST

You have been supplied with one or more containers of **Total-Fix™** fixative. Please read the following instructions carefully.

### SAMPLE COLLECTION

1. Faecal specimens should be collected in a clean, dry, wide-mouthed container or on a "raft" of paper. Contamination with urine should be avoided.
2. Using the spatula provided, add faeces to the container of fixative until the fluid level reaches the fill line. This will ensure the appropriate two to one ratio of fixative to sample. If you have passed mucoid or bloody portions, please try and collect them.
3. Use the spatula to thoroughly stir and mix the stool with fixative. Screw on the lid tightly, and firmly shake the container until contents are thoroughly mixed and appear homogeneous. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**
4. **DO NOT REFRIGERATE THE FIXED STOOLS.** Keep the sample(s) at room temperature.
5. Fill out your name and the date on the side of each container. Reseal the container(s) in the plastic bag.

If you have been asked to collect a series of specimens in the fixative containers, collect them on different days. When the series is completed, bring them all to the laboratory, or collection rooms, along with your doctor's laboratory request form.

### CAUTION

- TOTAL-FIX™ SOLUTION IS **POISONOUS** AND AN **IRRITANT**
- KEEP WELL AWAY FROM CHILDREN
- AVOID CONTACT WITH SKIN OR EYES
- IF CONTACT OCCURS, FLUSH AFFECTED AREA WITH WATER
- IF IRRITATION DEVELOPS, CONTACT A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY
- DO NOT TAKE BY MOUTH

IF INGESTION OCCURS, DRINK MILK OR WATER, AND CONTACT A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY